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Brussels seeks 30% more funds

Britain to fight Delors plans for EC budget

BY GEORGE BROCK AND ROBIN OAKLEY

THE European Community budget needs to grow by 30 per cent over the next five years, Jacques Delors said yesterday. triggering a dispute between Brussels and member states that will continue ail year.

The president of the European Commission was presenting a draft budget unanimously agreed by the Community's executive commission to the European

He said the proposals to increase the Community's budget by £14 billion to £46.6 pillion by 1997 were the ogical outcome of the terms

INSIDE TO £773,000 for **Burton boss**



Laurence Cooklin, chief executive of Burton, who replaced Sir Ralph Haleaving the group with a £773,000 payoff plus de-ferred bonuses over the next two years. Mr Cooklin, above, is the last of the old guard at Burton. He

joined Burton in 1970. He had a five-year ser vice contract and was paid a salary of £375,000. Four departed directors at Burton are estimated to have received £18.5 million in pay and performance related bonuses between 1987 and 1990......Page 17

Magpie słur

The "thieving, murdering magpie" may be the victim of a foul slander. New increase in its numbers has no bearing on a decline in the songbird population. The cat emerges a more likely villain..... Page 3

Kashmir clash

At least 12 people were killed when Pakistani police, troops and paramilitary forces fired on thou-sands of unarmed Kashmiris trying to cross intoPage il

Costly calls

A SURVEY of telephone costs in the EC has disclosed that peak rate local calls can be almost 14 times as expensive in Britain as in other member

Rugby award

Mike Teague, the former England international, received an undisclosed sum from the Rugby Football Union for injuries sustained during the World Page 30

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agreed by the EC leaders in the Maastricht treaty on political and economic union in December. M Delors said that 12 states had "plotted the future course of a new Community, which includes allocating more of the budget to the EC's poorer members.

He said the EC was committed to reviewing Britain's contribution rebate, which Margaret Thatcher wrested from the Commission after a bitter dispute in 1984. He underlined, however, that a report on the rebate would not be released until after the British general election to avoid embarrassing John Major's government. Under the special deal agreed with Mrs Thatcher, Britain won a rebate of £1.44 billion, reducing its net contribution to

Government ministers made clear yesterday that Britain would fight plans to increase its EC contribution by up to £1 billion a year by 1997. Downing Street disroissed the proposal as an opening bid and said that Mr Major saw no need for any

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, criticised M Delors for what he called "interventionist" industrial proposals that were not justified by the Maastricht treaty and for proposing an increase in agriculture spending which Brit-ain wanted to see cut. Chris-Patten, the Conservative party chairman, said: "Mr Delors and others know very well that we have our own national agenda and our own national interests in the EC and will battle for them and will fight for them firmly and courteously, as John Major did so successfully at

Maastricht." M Delors said yesterday that the Commission was not seeking to challenge Britain's special rebate for the moment and he had not given it five minutes of my personal thinking time". He said at a press conference, however, that the "British problem" would have to be tackled after the general election. "We absolutely must decide about the reimbursement paid out

for the UK," he said. Tristan Garel-Jones, a Foreign Office junior minister, pointed out that the rebate arrangement was an integral part of EC legislation and was not time-limited. Since it was subject to the unanimity rule, it could not be changed without Britain's agreement

M Delors is arguing that the EC needs more money to help poorer countries such as Greece, Portugal, Spain and Ireland, to assist emerging democracies in Eastern Europe and to develop the Community's social programme. Britain says that aithough it agreed to the setting up of a new cohesion fund for the poorer countries, it did not agree to provide extra resources. Senior government sources said yesterday: "We agreed to a new fund, not to new money". EC officials have suggested

that since other states beside Britain and Germany will now probably become permanent net contributors to Brussels, other governments may fight for the abolition of the British concession. Most observers in Strasbourg yesterday predicted that the British rebate would survive.

Worse disputes are likely to emerge over the size of the EC's budget. The Commis-sion suggested that the Community would need £61.25 billion by 1997. The figures suggest that spending on the common agricultural policy would rise between this year and 1997 from £24.71 billion to £27.72 billion.

Glyn Ford, leader of the Labour party MEPs; said that any new EC spending cy. "No new sources of revenue should be discussed at this stage," he said. Farm ministers have been making slow progress on proposals to reform the policy, which will raise the cost of supporting farmers for at least several

Surveying the EC's progress towards completing the single market by the end of this year, M Delors warned Britain not to challenge the Community by retaining frontier barriers. "It would be wholly unacceptable if checks, however temporary. by certain members states were to perpetuate internal frontiers," he said.

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Jobless likely to show 50,000 rise in month

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS were bracing themselves last night for a big jump in today's monthly jobless figures after the announcement of 2,350 job losses at British Aerospace and another gloomy CBI eco-

nomic survey. One senior Treasury source spoke of a "pretty tough" set of figures for January, suggesting that unemployment may have risen by around 50,000 last month against an average of 30,000 a month in the last quarter of last year. A cabinet minister privately described the recession as a "nightmare" and said it was a "miracle" the government was doing so well in the opinion polls against such an

unfavourable economic background. Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, will be given a rough ride at Treasury questions today in the Commons if the hints of a surge in the current 2.55 million jobless tally are confirmed.

The prime minister followed up his acknowledgement of no early end to since the war, by insisting that the government's policies would pay off in the longterm. He also sought to revive consumer and business confidence, the absence of which Continued on page 16, col 3

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Prince told to avoid touch of holistic doctor

ALL that Hakeem Abdul Hameed. Delhi practitioner of the Unani school of holistic medicine, aged 85, wanted to do was to take the pulse of the Prince of Wales.

Dr Hameed enjoys a permanently full surgery, treat-ing his patients with nothing more deadly than touch and intuition. But officials and detectives accompanying the Prince and Princess of Wales on their six-day tour of India would have none of it.

The Prince was about to proffer his arm when Superintendent Colin Trimming. his protection officer, whispered something to him. His arm was quickly withdrawn. The only contact between doctor and royal visitor was a rather formal handshake insufficient to permit even the briefest diagnosis.

"I'm sure there was no need to take my pulse," the prince told the doctor as he left. "You can tell I am well just by

looking at me." The problem, apparently. was the presence in the surgery of representatives of the British tabloid press, who were unceremoniously bundled out lest they make yet more unseemly capital out of the prince's long-standing interest in complementary medicine. "How would you like it if this was your doctor's surgery?" Superintendent Trimming was heard to bark at the protesting pressmen, who had expected to be allowed to hear and see the prince discuss Dr Hameed's methods, which are based on ancient Greek holistic prin-

Although he preserved a façade of diplomatic politeness, the prince is bound to have been disappointed at the failure of the encounter. His interest in complementary medicine goes back to at least 1984, when he addressed the British Medical Association and urged it to be more sympathetic towards such disciplines as homeopathy, osteopathy and acupuncture.

The Osho Commune International, a noted sect, announced yesterday that Mofounder, had had the wit be-

fore his death to hail the prince as "the pioneer of the new man". The implied message was that the prince should continue his interest in meditation and non-Western thought regardless of any scorn heaped on him.

"Prince Charles is moving on absolutely the right lines, Ma Yoga Neelam, spokes man for the movement, said in Delhi, "He needs encouragement from every nook and corner because England will not support his views. But Prince Charles should contin-

ue his meditations in the desens, in deep forests and the mountains. Let the whole world call him mad, but the new man will accept him as a pioneer," the yoga said, quoting the words of the movement's founder.

The prince and his party made no official response to the sect's unqualified admiration. Their silence may have something to do with the provenance of the late Rajneesh and his followers, who preach the gospel of celibacy being a crime against nature. Rajneesh, known in his time as "the sex guru", set up his ashram in the 1970s in Poona, in the Indian state of Maharasthra. He subsequently moved to the American state of Oregon, where he established a communeand at one time owned 100 Rolls-Royces, 94 more than the Queen, before being deported back to India for arranging sham marriages.

The holy man eventually died of a heart attack two years ago, from which no holistic medicine could save him. His encouragement of free sex among his followers was rapidly curtciled by the arrrival of Aids, about which the guru developed a phobia. Visitors to his ashram today cal evidence, preferably of a cast-iron main-stream Western kind, that they are unsullied by the scourge.

Sadly, the praise heaped by the Indians on the great-great-grandson of their first empress appears to have had minimal effect. It has not gone unnoticed that he let his wife go alone to the Taj Mahal, the world's foremost monument to a love affair. Advisers appear again to have got in the way.

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Solicitors barrack Mackay over fixed-fees scheme

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord Chancellor faced jeers and hisses from among 2,000 angry solicitors yesterday when he made clear he was determined to press ahead with a scheme of fixed fees in magistrates' courts "as

quickly as possible".

At the biggest mass protest rally in the history of the English legal profession, Lord Mackay of Clashfern was barracked by the normally sedate lawyers when he said his proposals were right in principle. To derisive laugh-ter and the odd shout of "rubbish" he added that the proposals, which will replace payment by hourly rates. would safeguard the interests of the taxpayer and benefit the profession through speedier payments and reduced ad-

ministrative costs. He was prepared to consider all points put to him and nobody could accuse him "of rushing this reform through". Lord Mackay said: "I want to be as fair as possible. But I regard the introduction of standard [fixed] fees as right in principle." However, in what solicitors

saw as a significant preparation for a possible retreat, Lord Mackay said he had appointed outside consultants to help to assess the basis for his proposals; and that he would seek advice on whether he could improve the structure of the scheme while keeping its basic principles.

A record number of legal aid lawyers had come from throughout England and Wales to Westminster Central



Hall to hear Lord Mackay explain the thinking behind his fixed-fees scheme. It was the biggest confrontation between the Lord Chancellor and lawyers since his proposals three years ago to reform the profession. The mood yes-

terday was far less polite.

Lord Mackay's speech, in which he told solicitors there was no pot of gold for legal aid, is certain to have hardened the resolve among many practitioners to withdraw from duty rota schemes in police stations and courts, in spite of his appeal that they should "think very carefully

before such a withdrawal. The Lord Chancellor that such action would hit members of the public "at their most vulnerable in police stations" and if successful, he added, it could "lead to the very miscarriages of justice which we all wish to avoid". His mood was unyielding and combative. To laughter

he told solicitors that his re-Continued on page 16, col 1

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Rare disease kills by keeping victims awake

By THOMSON PRENTICE MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

SEVEN members of the same family have been killed by lack of sleep caused by a bizarre hereditary disease, a report in a medical journal says today. The disorder, fatal familial insomnia, has haunted the family in northern Italy for six generations

and now affects 29 relatives. Doctors have traced the illness back from victims of the past few years to their forebears of the early 19th century, through detailed records kept by the family. A similar disease has been identified in a handful of other families in France. Finland and America, where the sufferers were of Dutch, Hungarian and

more common than previously

The researchers believe a rogue protein gene in the brain causes the. condition, which may be a distant relative of neurological disorders such as "mad cow disease" in cattle. scrapic in sheep, and the rare Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in

According to the report, in today's issue of The New England Journal of Medicine, sufferers of fatal familial insomnia are struck, usually in middle age, by symptoms that begin with sleeolessness and end about a year later with both body and mind in a .

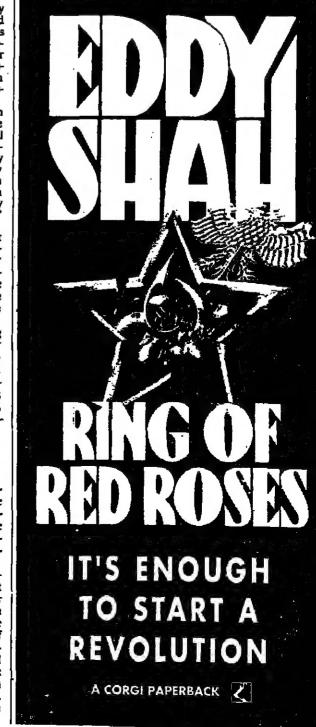
state of chaos. Lack of sleep becomes progressive. slow-acting, transmissible viruses.

Romanian ancestry, and may be and untreatable, leading to loss of memory, wakeful nightmares of enacted dreams and hallucinations, accompanied by irregular heart beat, raised body temperature and profuse sweating. Eventually the patient falls into a stupor and fatal coma-

A team of neurologists, pathologists and psychiatrists in Bologna. Paris. New York, and Cleveland, Ohio, has characterised the disease from observations of patients and post-mortem examinations of brain tissue. The pathological evidence suggests that the illness is due to a prion. a genetic mutation of a protein found in the brain. Prions are poorly understood by scientists, but are believed to be similar in some ways to

"The finding that fatal familial insomnia is a prion disease widens the spectrum of these disorders and supports the contention that they are more common than previously suspected," Rosella Medori and coleagues say in the journal.

Their view is supported by a footnote in the journal which says that since the study was submitted, four more families of European origin have been identified with the same gene mutation, and symptoms of Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease. Fatal familial insomnia was first described by some of the team in Bologna six years ago, when they reported it in two members of the Italian family. The evidence suggests that one in ten members has been affected.



How a prince promotes treatment for the whole man

THE Prince of Wales has been an enthusiastic supporter of unorthodox medical practice for at least ten years, as an observer and, occasionally, as a

The prince's views first became apparent in a speech to the British Medical Association in 1982, when he called for closer links between mainstream and complementary medicine.

As a direct result of his remarks, the association set up a scientific investigation into alternative therapies. It found that although it was impossible scientifically to prove their value, they had something to offer patients who felt that conventional medicine was inadequate. That rather lukewarm conclusion neventheless served to win more public support for unconventional medicine.

Patrick Pietroni, founder member of the British Holistic Medicine Association, said of the prince's speech: "It is

The Prince of Wales, who yesterday saw an holistic practitioner at work in India, has given alternative therapies valuable support, Thomson Prentice writes

difficult now to imagine the effect of his words on a medical profession that viewed alternative medicine with a scepticism amounting to scorn."

Without doubt, the prince's views then, and his comments since, have increased the respectability and popularity of complementary therapies. Last December, launching a report that called for osteopathy to be regulated by statute, the prince said: "If medicine had not been regulated in the last century. I would have been seen as something of a royal quack - which some people think I am already."

Osteopathy is the manipulating of the musculo-skeletal system to relieve pain, especially in the back. The

Students

prince's back pain was eased with the help of Sarah Key, an Australian physiotherapist and osteopath, and he paid tribute to the therapy in a foreword to her 1990 book, Back In Action.

"Of course," the prince wrote, "there will always be people who disapprove when collective conventional thinking: is challenged ... but there must surely be a place for common sense and a 'natural' non-invasive approach."

The prince's biggest contribution to the debate on the relative values of orthodox and complementary practices. was a speech to the Royal College of Psychiatrists, of which he was then president, at its conference in Brighton last July. He called for a return to spiritual values to help to heal casualties of what he saw as an uncaring society. Treatments of mental and physical

illnesses were spiritual tasks, not merely matters for medical repair, the prince said. Psychiatrists should resort less often to the "chemical cosh" of drugs. "We are not just machines... Should

we not be asking ourselves where scien-tific materialism has been leading us, and what kind of society it has been creating?" the prince said. "For the materialist, enlightened self-interest would lead us to see illness as of no value, and with no meaning; whereas someone with a religious view will need to think of it in a much larger frame.".

The prince told the conference: "The most urgent need for Western man is to rediscover that divine element in his being, without which there can never be hope or meaning to our existence. We are in danger of cutting ourselves off in

a world that recognises only mind and body. When, as is too often the case, there seem to be no beliefs but simply a spiritual vacuum, there are no foundations on which to build an acceptance of our own weakness, respect for the unique worth of others, and a reconciliation between those classed as mentally ill and society."

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Back in 1982, the prince told the BMA: "Today's unorthodoxy is probably tomorrow's convention."

To some extent, at least, he has been proved right. The Bristol Cancer Help Centre, which he opened, flourished, giving cancer patients unorthodox treatment and emotional support. From its work grew an appreciation by some specialists that a "whole body" approach could be incorporated in therapies in health service hospitals.

Prince's visit, page

Police will

not be tried

over siege

killing

Police officers will not be charged over the death of

shot dead after a seven-hour

siege at a bungalow near Newcastle upon Tyne in Oc-tober last year, the Crown

Prosecution Service said

Wallbanks, aged 40, died when police fired five shots as he appeared in a doorway at

the home of his girl friend's mother, brandishing a gun that was found later to be a

Soon after the shooting the

Northumbria deputy chief constable, Barry Bancroft,

said that officers were forced

to return fire after Wallbanks

An enquiry by Cumbria police, supervised by the Police Complaints Authority.

was aided by a video given to police by Tyne Tees Tele-

vision, which showed that

Wallbanks's finger never

moved to the trigger of the pistol as he pointed it towards

Wallbanks, of Consett

Durham, had been arrested in June last year, 15 days after leaving prison, for alleg-edly possessing a sawn-off shotgun. He was jailed for 14

years in 1982 for the man slaughter of a cab driver.

Man acquitted

London, was cleared by the Central Criminal Court yes-terday of conspiring with Nessan Quinlivan and Pearse

McAuley, the two IRA sus-pects who escaped from pris-

on last year, to murder Sir Charles Tidbury, the former head of Whitbreads, in Sep-tember 1990. He still faces

charges of conspiring with Quinlivan and McAuley to

cause explosions and with

possession of firearms. The

jury will continue delibera-

tions on the charges today.

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starting pistol.

Police demand ID cards for all if EC border controls go

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

THE only way to stop a flood of illegal immigrants, if EC border controls are relaxed, is for every British citizen to carry an identity card, a team of top police officers said

They also demanded vast new powers to stop and search suspects in exchange for the removal of the British system of frontier controls.

Britain faces the threat of EC court action unless checks on travellers entering the country from other EC member states are lifted by next

The chief constables and police representatives told the Commons home affairs committee yesterday that such a relaxation of checks left Britain open to an influx of economic migrents, as was occurring in Germany. France and Spain, many of whom would be driven in

in the EC has disclosed that

peak rate local cails can be

almost 14 times as expensive

in Britain as in other member

states. But Britain, which

with Mercury and BT is the

only EC country with compe

tition in the sector, comes out

relatively well for long

distance and international

The survey, compiled by the Brussels-based European

Consumers' Union, describes

the rates charged by Mercury

for peak-rate local calls as

staggering. Comparing tar-

iffs, the survey prices a five-minute local call in The

Netherlands at 0.06 ECU

(just over 4p), and in Britain,

on Mercury, at 0.82 ECUs (just over 58p). The union

blames the discrepancy on

Mercury's targeting of the business market; the com-

pany is much more competi-

tive on long-distance and

The second most expensive peak rate local call charges in

the Community are set by BT,

which charges 0.36 ECUs (just over 25p) for a five-

minute call, six times the rate

in The Netherlands. Interna-

tional calls are most expen-

sive in Spain and Ireland.

The best value is found in

Germany, and in Britain, us-

ing Mercury.
The cheapest country in

which to get a telephone in-

stalled is Germany, at 32 ECUs, £22.72) while the most

expensive is Denmark, at 216

ECUs (£153.36). In Britain the charge is 187 ECUs

(£132.77). But the Consum-

UK (Mercury)

Switzerland

UK (BT)

Austria

Denmark

Belgium

France

Holiand

Italy

international calls.

desperation to crime. Although they had originally been sceptical about a mandatory ID card system, they had changed their minds and no longer believed the public

Hadfield of West Midlands, James Sharples of Merseyside, and John Evans of Devon and Cornwall, with David Hayward of the Police Federation and Peter Wall, secretary of the Superintendents' Association, said they were now united in supporting a

Questioned on his change of attitude he added: "We saw

report that customers should

not be charged for telephone installation as these charges

combined make up only a tiny percentage of telephone

"The consumer in Europe

has the right to a telephone

line," a spokesman said. "If

prices are too high for instal-

ation and subscription then

The union calls for tariff

structures which reflect true

costs and take account of

residential consumers as well

as businesses, and itemised

billing for all customers who

want it (already available in

Belgium, Britain, France and

Ireland). Independent, bind-

ing arbitration in dispute

cases should also be intro-

duced (already available in The Netherlands and Brit-

ain) and a single telephone card should be able to be used

poorer people won't have tele-

companies' revenues.

phones at all."

THE COST OF A CALL

Cost of local calls (five minutes)

protest over cuts in funding

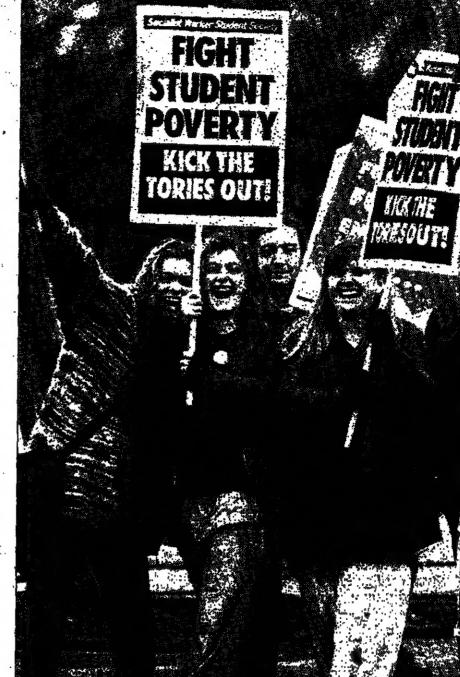
THOUSANDS of students marched through London yesterday in protest against government cuts, after 24nour sit-ins at colleges in the

capital.
Stephen Twigg, president of the National Union of Students, said: The probiem is a two-edged sword — the funding of higher educa-tion and the funding of student support. Students outside London have E54 a week to pay for their books, food, and rent, not to mention travel.

"What we're seeking in particular is the reinstare-ment of benefit rights." Many students were more than £1,000 in debt, borrow ing from banks or their families to make ends meet.

Angela Crum Ewing, pres-ident of the Association of University Teachers, said some students could not afford to go on field courses during vacations because of the need to earn money. "Students were sleeping rough last summer. Mature students with children are better off if they are unem-ployed than on student grants. Part-time students are not eligible for grants, or loans. How can we have a better educated society if we more and more cheaply and to live below the poverty

The Polytechnic of North London encouraged its stu-dents to join the march, attended by an estimated 20,000 people, saying it would focus attention on the shortcomings of government policy. The University of Kent at Canterbury said it supported the students aims and joined them in urging the government to bear cost of higher education. Conservative students condemned the march as a desperate bid



Pleading poverty: students at the demonstration in London vesterday.

to discredit the government in the run up to the election. Rob Marven, national di-rector of Conservative Stu-dents, said: "The student loans scheme has increased the financial support available to students by 30 per cent. The proportion of 18year-olds in higher education has risen from one in eight in 1979 to one in four now. With loans, there are 87,000 more higher educa-

time since the Universities Central Council on Admissions began compiling its annual report. The 29th report says that 118,231 women applied in 1991, compared to 117,880 men, though 5,500 more men

HIV spread

More than a million people worldwide have been infected by the Aids virus in the past eight months, the World Health Organisation said yesterday. A total of 10-12 million people, including a million children, now have HIV infection, according to a report. Heterosexual trans-mission accounts for more than 90 per cent of cases, it says. About two million people have developed Aids.

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Doorstep deliveries of milk could be finished by the end of the century, Robin Moorby of the British Glass dairy industry action group said yesterday. In 1977, deliveries accounted for nine tenths of milk sales. Now they were less than two thirds, while sales from supermarkets had risen from 3 per cent of the total to more than a quarter, threat-ening the jobs of 30,000 roundsmen and women.

Lord Lichfield, the royal photographer, who fractured his skull and ribs in a fall at his

home on the Caribbean island of Mustique was yesterday given permission to return to Britain. The earl. aged 52, a cousin of the : Queen, is expected to leave Bay View Hospital, Barbados, soon. A hospital spokes man said his condition was "stable".

once owned by Sir Joshua Reynolds, one of the founders of the Royal Academy, was sold yesterday for £17,000 at Bearne's auctioneers in Torquay, Devon. The cabinet. which was sold by the decendants of Theophila Gwatkin, one of the painter's Gwatkin, one of the painter's . favourite nieces who featured in several of his portraits, had been estimated at £15,000.

Irish rape victim, 14, tests abortion law

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

in all member states. THE High Court in Dublin In conclusion, the union is to decide the fate of a rape notes that it sees no signifivictim aged 14 who has been cant improvement for the cusprevented from seeking an tomer since its last survey in abortion by an injunction 1988, with any decrease in granted to the Attorney-genthe cost of international calls eral last week. being offset by increases in

local call charges.
A spokesman for BT said The action, on which the High Court is expected to that the survey exaggerated the cost of local calls in Britmake a judgment next week, was based on the Irish republic's ban on abortion, written ain because the size of local into the constitution after a call areas varied considerably binerly-fought campaign and in the Community. In Britain, local call areas areas are a referendum in 1983. Irish women's groups predict an outcry if the court finds that an average of 2,175sq km; in France (where peak rate local the girl must have the baby in calls work out at 0.10 ECUs (just over 7p) for five minutes, they are 1,170sq km. spite of her claim that it was conceived as a result of rape.

Opponents of the ban say that in 1983 they highlighted such circumstances as a reason for not rigidly enforcing a right-to-life clause. Supporters of the abortion ban dismissed them as unlikely ever to happen.

The Attorney-general sought the injunction after being told of the case by the police, who had been asked by the girl's parents for advice on seeking genetic evidence relating to the rapist from the aborted foetus. They were in London for the operation, and although out of the jurisdiction of the Dublin court they returned home when the

njuction was granted.

If the High Court finds that the girl must have the baby. she may be able to appeal. More than 5,000 women are believed to travel to Britain every year to have abortions, ensuring that the ban has never before been tested before the courts.

parliament yesterday des-cribed his horrific experia total of 22 years in Soviet camps before being freed

after the personal intervention of President Reagan. Alfonsas Svarinksas, aged 68, was sentenced to three separate periods in jail for a variety of anti-Soviet activi-ties. Called as a surprise witness before the Scottish court sitting in Vilnius to hear a £600,000 defamation action against Scottish Television, he said that 70 per cent of people questioned by the KGB would have been prepared to supply statements incriminating others to save

Anton Gecas is suing the

A LITHUANIAN priest and television company for its a deputy to his country's new programme Crimes of War. made in 1987, which alleged that he took part in the mass slaughter of Jews from June ences while held prisoner for

until November 1941 after the Germans invaded the country. Juozas Aleksynas, aged 78, who gave evidence on Tuesday, implied that declara-tions against Mr Gecas by witnesses may have been obtained under duress as they were originally made while

the Soviet regime still conmolled Lithuania: Father Svarinksas, chaplain to the Lithuanian army, was called to the stand shortly after the second witness. Motiejus Migonis, aged 73, had testified. Migonis, who spent 25 years in jail after a death sentence by the Soviet authorities was commuted. had given evidence in 1987 to

the then Lithuanian authorities incriminating Mr Gecas. Yesterday Mr Migonis failed to identify Mr Gecas as either giving orders for Jews to be shot during the second world war or having personally shot wounded Jews in Lithuania or Belorussia.

Father Svarinksas told the court: "About 70 per cent of witnesses in the Soviet Union would give evidence of what the KGB needed, to save your iobs, your career, your housing. All depended on it."

would say what they wanted it would try to invent a fairytale that would resemble in Edinburgh next week.

reality otherwise I would not be able to save myself or other people.

On the second and last day of the hearing before Lord Milligan, Mr Migonis, called by Scomish Television to back its claim that Mr Gecas was a war criminal, did not do so. Mr Migonis, too ill to travel to Scotland to give his evi-

tience, agreed that he was in the 12th Lithuanian auxiliary police battalion under Mr Gecas but said he could not see what had happened at death pits in which, it was alleged. Jews had been killed and finished off by Mr Gecas. Asked what he saw happen at the pits Mr Migonis re-

plied: "If I didn't see anything how can I say that I did?" He agreed that shooting took place.
Mr Migonis did identify

Mr Gecas, the subject of a wartime photograph in which he was seen wearing a German army uniform and sporting an Iron Cross decoration, but he said that he never saw Mr Gecas shoot people. Asked about being taken by Scottish Television to a forest close to where atrocities were alleged to have taken place. Mr Migonis said he had never been there

On Tuesday the first witness said that Mr Gecas had given the order to shoot Jews but admitted that he had been exaggerating when he originally claimed that Mr Gecas, now a naturalised Briton and living in Edinburgh, had shot people. The hearing will cominue

Writer finds romance in a grant BY ALISON ROBERTS

by the publishers.

IN A success story worthy of Barbara Cartland, a romantic unemployed care-worker is to publish her first novel on Valentine's day thanks to

a government grant. Louisa Gray, of Yeovil, Somerset, applied for an enterprise allowance two years ago and on £40 a week began to write a romance. Six months later The Mansini Secret, set in 19th century Italy, was finished. Mills and Boon publish it tomorrow, Miss Gray, aged 32, said it

was still amazed at being ac-

ed to write, they said try Enterprise Allowance."

for doing anything in partic-

ular. But when I said I want-

Becoming a romantic novelist is not as easy as it looks. Mills and Boon have enough novels on their schedule to last until the end of 1993. Elizabeth Johnson, Miss Gray's editor at Mills and Boon, said: "We receive was a dream come true; she about 5,000 unsolicited manuscripts and find about

cepted both for the grant and half a dozen new authors a year. Louisa is a very humor-"I went to the Job Centre ous lady and I liked her and found I wasn't qualified style."

A spokesman for The Somerset training and enterprise council said: "We would give allowances to very few writers and they would have to have good ideas before we did. We take on about 150 new entrepreneurs a year." since 1990 when payments

The scheme has changed were made from a national fund; now budding businessmen and women are given only £30 a week

Methods used by the KGB to obtain confessions and statements were appalling, Father Svarinksas said. "A person was beaten until he

On tour: the Prince of Wales visiting an holistic clinic in India yesterday

would oppose it.

The chief constables, Ron

mandatory system.

Mr Hadfield said: "We

for peak rate calls

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

A SURVEY of telephone costs ers' Union recommends in its

would support a mandatory ID card as a compensatory measure in the relaxing of border controls. It would be

vital to have a card."

whom live by crime. Mr Hadfield said: "By definition, the illegal immigrant is pre-vented from obtaining any of the welfare services and therefore he stands to be potential-'mandatory' than in the bene-Britons pay dear

The police officers also called for a Euro-warrant to enable a fugitive from abroad to be brought to justice in Britain without going through the complex extradi-They also recommended an amendment to the Prevention of Terrorism Act to over-

fits of an identity card. We are now persuaded that the ma-

jority of people would con-

form, even on a mandatory basis." He believed many

people would question the control of illegal immigration

if they no longer saw controls

Mr Evans said the police also needed an ID card

because of the massive rise in

datory card would give the

In written evidence, the police chiefs said that the

rapid changes in eastern Europe had intensified prob-

lems of illegal immigration

into the Community from

economic migrants "many of

crime in recent years. A man-

police "another weapon".

come the condition tha police must have reasonable grounds to suspect that an offence has been committed; stronger controls on airports and ports to vet passengers; the power to demand to see passports; powers for the British police to check continental driving records; and substantial increases in police manpower if the immigration

service was reduced: The immigration service union said fater that it was essential for Britain to maintain its present system of in-ternal controls to meet the pressure of immigration.

tion students this year." · More women than men applied to universities and colleges last year for the first won places than women.

War deaths libel case

KGB 'intimidated witnesses' FROM KERRY GILL IN VILNIUS

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Cabinet sells A mahogany writing cabinet

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Fraud case reform is no easy task, Mackay says

THE Lord Chancellor said yesterday that an improvement in the handling of com-plicated fraud trials was urgently needed, but admitted that he knew of no quick way of achieving it.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern rejected suggestions that the jury system be abandoned. saying that defendants in such cases had as much right to trial by their peers as any other person.

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Commenting on calls by the judge at the second Guinness trial for significant reforms in prosecuting complex fraud cases, he said: "I agree with Mr Justice Henry that this matter requires urgent attention. What is not so easy is to hit on the way of solving the problem. I have noted a number of calls for things to be done, but not many detailed proposals of what should be done."

The trial collapsed on Tuesday after the judge accepted medical advice that one of the defendants, Roger Seelig. aged 46, was too ill to

Marjorie Mowlam, Labour's City spokeswoman, said that some serious fraud cases should be tried under civil law, where judgments were often easier to obtain. "We have to find a quicker and cheaper way of dealing with fraud. For criminal cases we need much more evidence. What we can do with civil cases is look at balancing the probability of evidence and that is one of the changes we

Speaking on BBC radio yesterday, Barbara Mills, QC, the head of the Serious Fraud Office and Director-

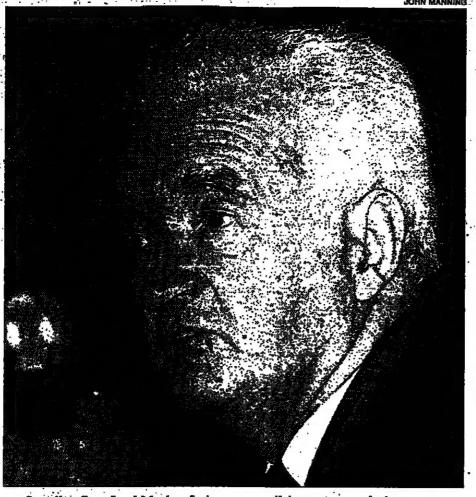
tions, who led the prosecution in the first Guinness trial, supported the continued use of juries.

She said that recent reforms of the way cases were presented meant that complex issues, often difficult to explain by word of mouth, could be illustrated graphically by television. The issue which is usually the one left for the jury at the end of the day is an issue of dishonesty." Ernest Saunders, the for-

mer Guinness chairman who was jailed for five years, said yesterday that he agreed with Mr Justice Henry's call for a better method of dealing with complex City cases. Mr Saunders, who was sentenced in August 1990 by the same be looking at a system that is cost-effective for the prosecution in securing a conviction; but one that gets at the truth and is fair to the defendant."

Mr Saunders, aged 55, who was freed last May after serving less than two years. when doctors diagnosed the is taking his case to the European Court to try to establish his innocence. He has been asked to submit a paper on long-running fraud trials to the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice.

He queried the competence of a jury to handle complicated cases and backed the Roskill enquiry for a panel of experienced assessors. He also proposed a reform of the legal aid system, which at present did not allow defendants to take on the "colossus of the Serious Fraud Office on a level playing field".



Standing firm: Lord Mackay facing angry solicitors at yesterday's protest

The lowly outsider who has advocated reason to the Bar

LORD Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, yester-day faced his second full-scale confrontation with lawyers since taking over as head of the legal profession nearly five years ago.

The first, in 1989, was when he published proposals for scrapping the profession's restrictive practices and for opening up legal services inside and outside the court.

Those proposals, known as the green papers, prompted unprecedented censure and vitriol from senior judges and the Bar ("the most sinister document ever to emanate from government"), while supporters credited Lord Mackay with the courage to take on the legal establishment single-handed.

Lord Mackay's humble Scottish background and lack of social connections as the son of a railwayman who rose swiftly to the top on outstanding ability alone has endeared him to all who see the legal profession as a bastion of privilege. Commentators say that only an outsider could have tackled its monopolies, including freeing the

Humble origins have left the Lord Chancellor free to confront the legal profession, Frances Gibb

reports

judges of rules which stopped them from speaking out. Three years after that first confrontation, views are divided over what the Lord Chancellor, aged 65, achieved. The fine print of the reforms is still being worked out, but their impact will cer-

tainly be smaller than once

predicted. The judges, some say, effectively lobbied him to

a standstill. Yet those reforms, among the public at least, secured Lord Mackay's reputation as an innovator. In this second dispute, on legal aid fees, which came to a head amidst unrivalled barracking and anger yesterday, Lord. Mackay again invoked the taxpayer as the justification for a new system of fixed fees

pared to put his case, both to awyers and the media, believing that the force of logic Lord Mackay's forte is

brief this time is more difficult.

Yesterday no one was doubting his conviction over

the rightness of the proposal.

To an extent not seen with his

predecessors he has been pre-

quiet, reasoned advocacy. He has a courteous, charming manner which has stood him in good stead steering government bills when on the woolsack in the House of

Yesterday, though, facing 2,000 angry solicitors, his stance was combative. They, already hostile, were further infuriated by remarks implying, for example, that they were using recent miscarriages of justice to promote their cause and for commercial motives. The verdict yes-terday was that he had misjudged their mood; or deliberately been unyielding. Either way he and the profession now stand poles apart.

But though his popularity may be at an all-time low, he is too skilful to see large-scale withdrawals from the duty solicitor scheme. While standing firm, he opened the door a little, saying he would re-consider details of his scheme, due to begin in the

In the meantime there will be an election. It is a tribute to what Lord Mackay has done so far that some say he would be the best candidate to be the next Lord Chancellor whichever party wins.

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Guinness trial man leaves champagne on ice By PAUL WILKINSON stead of what would have have spent the time dealing and then possibly some ski-

ROGER Seelig spent yester-day coming to terms with life after Guinness. For a man whose waking hours have been filled with nothing else for the past seven years it was anti-climactic.

There was no champagne celebration after he walked from Southwark crown court. the case seemingly behind him. Instead the 46-year-old bachelor returned alone to his west London home, anxious that the next day's papers would not portray him as "some loony" who had cracked under the strain.

For a City whizz-kid of the Eighties who claimed to have clinched £13.5 billion worth of deals for his employers at Morgan Grenfell in one year, this was important. So in-

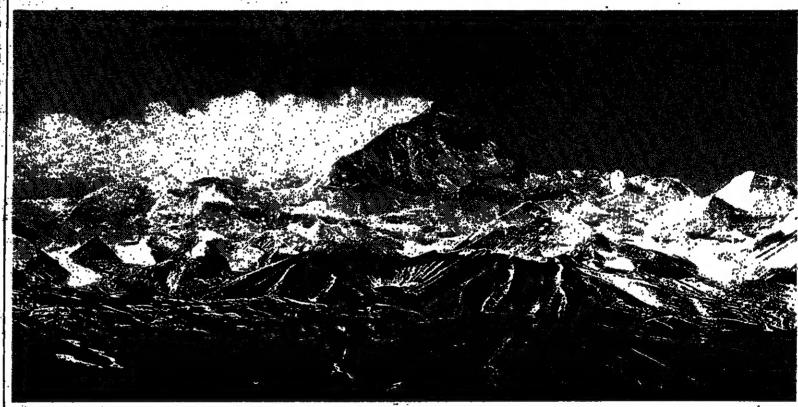
been his first early night since he took on his own defence almost two years ago, he was up until Iam awaiting Fleet Street's verdict. In the meantime he fielded telephone calls from well-wishers.

The morning brought more of the same. "I woke at the same time as I would as if I was going to court, but I

with more calls." He is anxious not to appear triumphant at the judge's decision to halt the trial because of the mental stress of con-

ducting his own defence with-out counsel ... "A lot could happen between now and when the Serious Fraud Office announce what they intend to do. I don't want to say anything that could prejudice that. I am saddened that things are apparently not going to work out to a conclusion. I believe I had turned much of the prosecution evidence and things were going well. I know I am innocent, I wanted to go on to prove it." He plans to spend some

ing. But top of the agenda is a return to the City in some guise or other. "One of the things I shall have to do is assess where I stand," he said. My problem is not with chairmen it is with clients and how they might react. I certainly know now where the dividing time relaxing at his house in line is. I shall not be crossing Tetbury, Gloucestershire, the road without a lawyer.



Saunders 'ready for comeback' hard-working and when deal-Dr Thomas

ERNEST Saunders and Roger Seelig both present diagnostic problems, both have unusual personalities and both, it has been claimed, show evidence of specific psychiatric disease.

The conflicting diagnoses made in Mr Saunders's case are a common problem - the choice between early senile dementia as a result of Alzheimer's disease or a clinically depressive illness. The former would be progressive; the latter with rest, relief of stress and modern anti-depressants would disappear; probably within a matter of

Mr Saunders was an obsessively hard-working man, who, it has been reported, suffered from being an outsider all his life. The collapse of his business world and his rejection by Guinness, both family and firm, which he felt owed him so much, made nim depressed. Depressed patients suffer a progressive

Stuttaford gives his opinion of claims about the health of Roger Seelig and Ernest Saunders

thoughts are confused, their reasoning flawed, their voice dull and monotonous and they can become increasingly irrational. All the symptoms can easily be mistaken for early Alzheimer's disease. One of the most common mis-diagnoses is to confuse the two conditions. The court acceptance that he had early Alzheimer's is looking in-creasingly unlikely as Mr Saunders appears to be determined and alert; showing every sign of being capable of

making a comeback Mr Seelig, it could be said, has an anankastic [obsessive/compulsive] personality. He is obses

ing with problems is tetally preoccupied by them; he has with the papers concerning his court case, the better to be able to read them the moment he wakes up. All his thoughts, once devoted to obsessed by the intricacies of his case. He is basically insecure, lacks the capacity to relax, and is a perfectionist. Patients such as him become so strained and stressed that they may well develop mental disease or have, in layman's terms, a nervous breakdown. Mr Seelig's problems have been compounded by the recent death of his two closest friends, his mother and his

Once the strain is lifted and the depression treated it is possible, almost probable, that Mr Seelig will again be the world with all the determination he previously

The inexhaustible challenge of Everest.

The Tibetans had long called it Chomolungma, Goddess Mother of the World. But it wasn't until 1852 that British surveyors identified it as the highest point on the planet.

As a result, thirteen years later, the mountain was also named after Sir George Everest, who was Surveyor General of India from 1830 to 1843.

To early climbers the great peak was doubly remote. Its sheer height made it as inaccessible as the mountains of the moon. Moreover, Tibet barred outsiders until 1920, and Nepal denied access until 1950.

The southern route was at last successfully climbed by Sir John Hunt's expedition in 1953. On the day that Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay stood together on the roof of the world, it seemed that Everest could challenge man no longer.

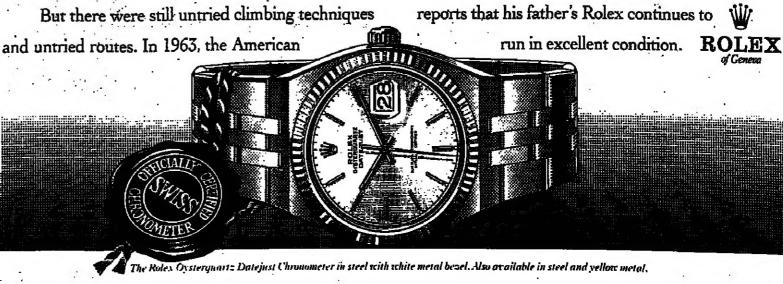
Expedition was the first to ascend the west ridge and, in 1978, climbers achieved the very first ascent without oxygen tanks, thus beginning the so-called purist approach.

One thing that cannot change is the simple, historical fact of the original success of the British Expedition in 1953.

In its honour, 35 years later almost to the day, another team put a man on the summit of Mount Everest. Unlike its famous predecessors, this team dispensed with oxygen and established a new route up the treacherous east face.

Although they took different routes and climbed by different techniques, both teams recorded the times of their ascents with Rolex Chronometers.

As an interesting footnote to history, Tenzing's son reports that his father's Rolex continues to



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Ward lover denies Yard 'deal'

FROM SAM KILEY

Pinta in:

THE last boy friend of Julie Ward, the British tourist murdered in Kenya in 1988, was accused yesterday of refusing to return to Nairobi for the trial of two rangers accused of killing her until he received assurances from Scotland Yard that he was no longer a suspect. Stephen Watson, a former

safari tour leader who met Miss Ward three days before she disappeared in the Masai Mara game reserve on September 6, 1988, was also accused of failing to come to the 1990 inquest into her death because he feared he would be interrogated as a

The accusations were put during cross-examination by James Orengo, counsel for the defence. Peter Kipeen. aged 26 and Jonah Magiroi. aged 28, are jointly charged with Miss Ward's murder in the Nairobi High Court.

Mr Watson, aged 31, on his second day of testimony. said repeatedly: "At no time was I ever aware I was a suspect in the murder of Julie Ward. I had no need to worry about my innocence as I could account for all my movements after I left the park (on September 5]." The trial continues today.

Plea of mitigation for feathered bully

BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THEIR reputation may be foul. Their violence may be horrific. Their flashy appearance may cause a shudder. Yet magpies are not quite the villains of the bird world that they have been made out to

be, according to the British Trust for Ornithology. New research by the trust disproves one of the most tenaciously-held saloon-bar opinions in modern Britain: that nest-robbing magnies are responsible for a nationwide decline in the number of songbirds.

Although there has indeed been a remarkable increase in magpie numbers - with rises of up to 5 per cent a year from 1966 to 1986 analysis of bird population records over the same period shows no decrease in nesting success, nationally, for 15 common species such as the song thrush and blackbird,

the trust said yesterday.

"This new analysis has provided a not-guilty verdict on Britain's magpie population on the specific charge that they were eliminating many species of small birds from large areas of the from large areas of the countryside," Chris Mead, the trust's spokesman, said.

However, research is continuing on whether songbird numbers locally are affected by magpies' fondness for suburban nest-robbing. "Many people are horri-

fied by magpies' destruction of the small bird nests in their gardens, and they look upon it truly as a slaughter of said. "It is distressing, but completely natural. Cats probably account for a much greater mortality among garden birds. As to whether there is a statistical link between magpies and garden bird reductions locally, the

jury is still out." There were observed declines in some garden bird numbers, he said, but often this was caused by suburbs spreading, so making the in-ner suburbs, where birds were once plentiful, further from countryside.

Magpies, a pest species, may be taken in live traps if you can persuade them to enter... better way to protect songbirds, Mr Mead said, is to plant more bushes and trees in the garden. Songbird nests can also be prot-

ected by large-mesh wire net-ting placed at least 3ft away. Magpies are thought to have trebled in the past 30 years with the disappearance of their predators. Large birds of prey, such as red kites and goshawks, died out or became very rare. Game-keepers, also formidable magpie foes, became rarer, and toxic pesticides that had affected magpies were banned in the late Fifties.

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Animal welfare

Farmers to compete on equal terms

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE government will not take further steps to improve animal welfare if such action imposes costs on British farmers that others in the European Community are spared, John Gummer, the agriculture minister, said

yesterday.

Speaking to 700 delegates at the annual conference of the National Farmers' Union in London, Mr Gummer said that the government had per-suaded the EC to adopt high-er British standards on the transport of live animals. But other member states had refused to follow Britain in imposing bans on the use of narrow crates for rearing yeal calves and on pig stalls and

"In general, I do not believe it would be fair to place more unilateral welfare restrictions on farmers in Britain," Mr Gummer said. "We have set the pace, and it is now for the rest of Europe to catch up. I shall fight for higher standards, but they will be higher

He said that animal wel-

fare organisations should in-stead lobby on Raymond MacSharry, the European agriculture commissioner. They will have a strong supporter in me for sensible protection but it will not be unilateral. It must be part of

Community rules."

Martin Potter, of the RSPCA's farm animals department, said: "It would be very sad if Britain abandoned its pioneering role on animal welfare. Instead of coming in first past the post, we will all now be coming in joint last. We are forfeiting a chance to set a moral example."

Mr Gummer threatened legal action against France and other countries for allegedly charging their poultry pro-ducers less than the mini-mum carcass inspection fee laid down in EC rules. That made French chickens cheaper and was unfair on their competitors elsewhere in the EC.

He said that he had asked the European Commission to take action, which it had failed to do. If all other routes failed Britain might have togo to the European Court.

Mr Gummer said that cultural policy (CAP) reform was still some months away and that there was little point in reaching an agreement that might have to be unravelled in the light of a new world trade treaty. This was a reference to the continuing Uruguay Round negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt), which have foundered mainly over a dispute between the EC and America on how to reduce agricultural

Mr Gummer described as unhelpful recent remarks by the American vice-president, Dan Quayle, which were seen by some as a thinly veiled threat that failure of the Gast talks might weaken America's commitment to Nato. There has been a tendency of US negotiators to behave as if they are right and every-one must fall into line with them. You do not get a deal by shouting the odds," Mr Gummer said.

The latest proposals for CAP reform, he said, were better than the original version but still "bad enough". There were too many armchair critics who thought that any reform had to be an improvement and that it was possible to "build a new CAP at the expense of Britain's farmers".

The proposals would build partiality and distortion into the very fabric of the CAP and "set farmer against farmer from one end of Europe to the other". The proposals would provide permanent support for small, unviable farms and weaken those in Britain which "have modernised their structures and adopted commerical methods to become modern and up to

Mr Gummer defended the set-aside scheme, which pays farmers to take arable land out of production. He said that the policy had many disadvantages but that it was the only way to make a rapid impact on endemic over-production. In finure, however,

Hunt supporters plan mass protest

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

UP TO 10,000 supporters of hunting, accompanied by 12 packs of hounds, will today mount the largest demonstra-tion in favour of the chase ever seen in Britain, attempting to mobilise opinion against the anti-hunting wild mammals (protection) bill being proposed in the Commons tomorrow by the Lab-our MP Kevin McNamara.

The demonstration at the Royal Agricultural Show ground at Stoneleigh in Warwickshire, featuring seven packs of foxhounds including amous names such as the Heythrop and the Vale of Aylesbury, may be in vain, as a vote in favour of the bill is

now a real possibility.

Although the MP accepts that the pending general efection rules out any chance of it becoming law, he may well get a majority, and an anti-hunting vote on the floor of the Commons, in the first debate on the subject since 1949, would be an event of real significance for hunting's

Supporters of hunting believe it would encourage a Labour government to bring in early anti-hunting legislation, although the party is officially committed to a free

vote on the issue.

Opponents, led by the RSPCA and the League Against Cruel Sports, believe it would be a watershed in the intensifying national debate, indicating that hunting ani-mals with hounds is no longer politically acceptable in Britain.

Mr McNamara's private member's bill, which attempts to give to wild mammals such as foxes and hedgehogs the same level of protection afforded dogs and cats by the 1911 Protection of Animals Act, needs 100 votes, and a simple majority. to continue its progress through the House.

Indications from Westminster are that many Tory MPs, who in the past would have been natural supporters of the hunt, may find their Friday constituency commitments unusually pressing,

and simply not turn up.
The issue is an increasingly difficult one for Conservative members, who risk giving offence whichever way they vote, although this morning Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, is showing no such reticence, writing a piece robustly in favour of

up their own lobby group, the Campaign for Hunting, to try to wrest the initiative from the This week they have re-sponded to the RSPCA's recent advertising campaign with one of their own in the national press, saying that Mr McNamara's bill, if

passed, would be "a tragedy

hunting in a national news-

paper. The rally at Stoneleigh is the climax of a determined

counter-attack by hunt sup-porters, who late last year set

for Britain and a disaster for the countryside". Signatories have ranged from the Duke of Beaufort to Sam McCluskie, the current treasurer of the Labour party and former scamen's union leader, a well-known greyhound racing enthusiast who

lists coursing among his recreations in Who's Who. ICI goes it alone to protect ozone layer

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

damaging chemicals by the end of 1995, two years earlier than the target set by the European Community, it said yesterday as the government ruled out an immediate ban.

Pressure to act more swiftly has been increased by President Bush's announcement on Tuesday that the US will phase out production of the major culprits, chlorofluoro-carbons, by the end of 1995, five years earlier than agreed under the Montreal Protocol. He acted after studies showed "alarming" levels of ozonedestroying chemicals over North America and Europe.

Yesterday, Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, said that the target set by the US was the same as that urged on EC nations by Britain at a meeting of environment ministers in December, but not accepted. British officials hope that the topic will be on the agenda when ministers meet again on 23 March, and that agreement

will be reached. Concern about CFCs has deepened as evidence grows of damage to the ozone layer being worse and more widespread than previously thought. Figures from the European Arctic Stratospher-

ICI is to stop making ozone- ic Experiment, a 17-nation project, suggest that the Arctic may be on the verge of having an ozone hole like that over the Antarctic. The UN says a sustained loss of 10 per cent of the ozone layer could lead to 300,000 more skin cancers and 1.75 million extra eye cataracts a year, by letting damaging ultra-violet radiation through.

Nasa, the American space agency, has suggested that zone-destroying chemicals in the atmosphere over north-ern Europe and the US are sufficient to destroy the ozone layer at the rate of 1 to 2 per cent a day in the late winter. Everyone should be alarmed about this," Michael Kuryio,

of Nasa, said last week. Fiona Weir, of Friends of the Earth, said that Mr Heseltine was wrong to claim that Britain could act only through the EC. At least three EC nations - Denmark, Germany and The Netherlands — were committed to unilateral phase-outs by January 1995, she said.

chemical manager, said of its plan: "Phase out by 1995 is a difficult target, but one that can be achieved." ICI has opened a plant to make a safer alternative.



One man tries to mop up wine lake

THE white transit van rat-tied and rolled like an overladen milkfloat in a race round the Le Mans circuit. This was not surprising. On board was a bottled lake of alcohol, large enough to slake the thirst of a Dean Martin family reunion.
The place was Calais. The

occasion was the first wet run, by The Times, of new import allowances for travellers that come into force

Thanks to the European Community's finance minis-ters, serious drinkers will be allowed to bring home 120 bottles of wine, a dozen bottles of spirits and 20 crates of beer, plus 800 cigarettes, from continental hyper markets without paying a penny in excise duty.

The Times ran a consumer

test on the new allowance and came home in less than style with ten cases of Cha-teau Lagascan, 12 bottles of Bell's whisky, a bathful of Stella Artois (480 bottles) and 40 packs of Silk Cut kingsize tipped. It took three people ten minutes to load the van, and none had

Righteenth century smug-glers entering Cornish coves with cases of cognac and

Big savings beckon for British travellers when new duty free allowances come into force next year. Michael Horsnell loaded up in Calais, and worried about his suspension all the way home

wads of tobacco probably had an easier time of it.

Bringing the new allow-ance home will not be easy unless you enjoy listening to the music of a thousand dancing bottles wrecking the suspension of the family saloon and wondering how to dispose of the empties without the neighbours The new regulations have,

er, got the shopkeephands in anticipation of a bigger invasion of Englishmen than during the Hundred Years War. At the Continent Hyper-

market, where les Anglais already spend over Fr25 million (about £2.5 million) a year on drink, shoppers with mere baskets of booze and cigarettes under the present regulations, looked at my trolley with

John Hunt, aged 22, a motor trader from Bermondsey, south London, said: "You must be taking the mickey with that lot. You'll never get away with it, nei-ther will your back axles. But I am all in favour of

taking home as much as you like." Yvonne Douglas, aged 18, a waitress from Dagen-ham, Essex, said: "It's obvious why people come here when prices are so much more expensive at home. I say the more we can get, the better. The EC has done

Once the van had rattled off the P&O ferry, Pride of Bruges, on which the information lady hands out street maps to all the hypermarkets, I settled up with H.M. Customs and Excise, an exercise that will no longer be necessary under the new regulations next year.

"This is going to cost you a bit," the customs officer said. He was right. After paying only £374 for the drink and cigarettes, about half of what it would cost in

another £263 in excise duty. Police at Dover, who often have to stop overladen vehicles under present regulations, are worried that the new allowances will endanger the safety of family cars and coaches, and the AA is amious about extra calls to deal with crippled

uspensions. The customs man said: Sometimes we see four people arrive in their car, loaded up with their present allowance, and the back bumper is almost scraping the ground. What things will be like under the new regulations. I cannot imagine. Calais, noted for Rodin's

statue The Six Burghers of to shopkeepers. The Conti-nent Hypermarket's duty manager said: "We think our turnover will increase by a lot once the new regulations come in.

"The English are very interested in buying that sort of goods. It surprises us that they buy so much here al-ready and it amuses us when we see your cars and coach-es with the suspensions crushed. But in Calais we are very grateful because it helps our economy. You are all very welcome."

Keays jury

warned off

sympathy

JURORS in the Sara Keays

libel trial were told yesterday

not to allow sympathy for Miss Keays and her daughter

to rule the law.

Desmond Browne, QC.

opening the defence in Miss

Ceays's action against New

Woman magazine, said there

was infinite cause to feel great

ciss-and-tell money-grubbing

bimbo who wrote her book, A

Question of Judgement, about her affair with the for-

mer Tory party chairman

Cecil Parkinson, to make

money and cause him the

Mr Browne told Mr Justice Drake and the jury: "Anyone

who had read about the way

Miss Keays was treated by Mr Parkinson would feel

great sympathy for her. Plain-

ly Mr Parkinson caused her

great distress — promises of marriage on three occasions and the breaking of those

promises, the relationship

over 12 years which ends in

Mr Browne said there was

a clear distinction in the mag-

azine article between those

who were bimbos and those

who were not. He said the

defendants did not seek to say

that Miss Keays was compa-

rable with women like Fiona

Wright "We simply say it is

far-fetched to suggest that the

The hearing continues

article bears this meaning."

tears and worse."

maximum embarrassment.

Marines' drinking bout ended in death

A Royal Marine attacked a publican and two police offi-cers on a drunken night out that ended with the death of his friend in a 20ft fall from a

roof.
Paul Davies and Simon Carr, a fellow Marine, fled from police by climbing across the roofs of buildings in Barnstaple, Devon, after Davies had punched the landlord of one pub and the pair had been ordered out of pair had been ordered out of another pub. Carr, aged 22, of Rustington, West Sussex, fell to his death while trying to jump across a gap in the

Barnstaple magistrates fined Davies, aged 25, £400 and ordered him to pay £667 compensation after he admitted assault and damaging a roof. The court was told that when he climbed down he swung a policewoman around and threw a policeman over his shoulder before being overpowered.

Davies, serving with the Portsmouth-based assault ship HMS Fearless, faces military proceedings for bringing the name of the Royal Marines into disrepute. Timothy Hayden, for Davies, blamed too much drink for his client's behaviour and said that Carr's death had had a marked

Frank Beck enquiry starts

The enquiry into how the disgraced social worker Frank Beck managed to abuse children in his care undetected for 13 years began yesterday. Beck, aged 49, was jailed for life in November for sexual and physical abuse at the three Leicestershire children's homes he ran between 1973 and 1986. Andrew Kirkwood, QC, the

chairman, promised to leave "no stone unturned" in trying to discover why social services management failed to uncover Beck's crimes for so long. The enquiry, at Thurcaston, Leicestershire, will hear evidence in private and will consider how complaints against Beck were dealt with and whether he was qualified for the job.

More rail crash victims may sue

Lawyers representing passengers who are suing British Rail over the Severn Tunnel train crash said that many more victims could make a claim for damages. Hundreds of passengers were trapped for four hours after a Sprinter train crashed into an Intercity express in the tunnel in December.

Eleven solicitors joined forces at a meeting of the Law Society to represent 69 passengers who were injured or suffered mental effects. They said that many others may not be aware that they could take legal action.

Prisoners flee

Two drug smugglers, Raja Mohammed Younis, aged 41, and Sukh Dev Singh Sandhu, aged 38, were on the run after escaping from Channings Wood prison at Ogwell, Devon, where they were serving eight years. An accomplice cut open the perimeter fence.

Helmet protest Brian Nicholas, a motor cy-clist aged 58 who has long campaigned against the compulsory wearing of crash hel-mets, received his 20th

sympathy for her, but the jury must be dispassionate and put out of their minds the terrible tragedy of her daughconviction for riding without one. Nichols, of Wembley, northwest London, was fined ter Flora's epilepsy.

Miss Keays, aged 44, of Marksbury, Bath, Avon, is £20 by Brent magistrates. suing the magazine over an article in 1989 which, she Sewage fall says, accused her of being a

Thousands of tonnes of sew-age slipped into the Colne at Huddersfield, West York-shire, raising the water level by five feet in ten hours and halting production at a nearby ICI plant, where an effluent pipeline was damaged.

Houses on fire Underground fires that for

20 years have been burning up coal deposits beneath a Stoke on Trent housing estate are to be put out, costing the city and county councils E45,000.

Atomic gift

The Atomic Energy Authority is giving £150,000 pounds worth of surplus protective clothing to workers clearing up the site of the Chernobyl nuclear reactor disaster in Ukraine.

Baby dies

A mother and two men were arrested after the woman's six-month-old daughter was found dead at her home in Hastings, East Sussex.

Drug risk 'hidden by medics'

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

ABOUT 10,000 hospital beds are occupied each day by patients suffering from the side effects of drugs, according to a book published today.

parable with the accident rate

on the roads. "Drugs do an

Doctors reported 18,000 adverse reactions to drugs in 1990; 5,000 of those are estimated to have been severe, including 250-300 patients who died. The figures were slightly down on the previous two years. But experts believe that the true figure is ten times higher.
Launching Power and De-

pendence, an investigation into drug safety, Charles Medawar, director of the consumer pressure group Social Audit, said that the extent of John Beckett, ICI fluoroserious drug injury was com-

cy and a denial of the evience of harm. It is extraordinarily arrogant to suggest that the public is better off knowing less."

Many serious reactions to drugs go unrecognised because doctors fail to report them. One study of 100 GPs who were monitored for a month found that one in 2,000 prescriptions produced severe side effects but only one in five of those was reported. Other studies, including one by Professor Michael Rawlins, named this week as the new chairman of the Committee on Safety of Medicines, suggest that only 10 to 15 per cent of severe reactions

are reported. Mr Medawar denied that most patients in hospital suffering from drug side effects would have been hospitalised ed. Most drug injury was the sloppy provision of information and inappropriate warnings", he said.
Andrew Herxheimer, edi-

tor of the Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin, a Consumers' Association publication for doctors, said that some patients who suffered a drug reaction would have been as ill anyway but they were likely to be a "very small proportion". Many more who suffer reactions do not get admitted to hospital, he said. Dr Joan Clarke, assistant

director of the Drug Safety Unit, Southampton, said: "The public tend to feel medicines are completely safe, but they aren't. Doctors have tended not to mention the risks because they haven't wanted to worry patients unduly but there is a case for correcting the balance."

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Statistics cover up true level of council rent arrears **RENT ARREARS**

By Douglas Broom, local government correspondent

TOUGHER rules may be imposed to prevent councils producing figures which give a misleading picture of their ability to collect rent.

Some councils with large rent arrears have given the impression, in new-style reports to tenants, that they have no arrears. This has alarmed Sir George Young, housing minister, and Michael Heseltine, environment secretary, whose department drew up the

rules governing the new reports. Environment department officials are examining ways of changing the rules so that the reports give a more accurate picture of the scale of

The government is committed to publishing league tables of local authority performance under its citizen's charter. Ministers' concern was heightened last week when Neil Kirnock told the Labour party's local government conference that Labour councils had the best record on arrears.

The claim was based on a recently nublished table showing Labour-controlled Wakefield top of the league with no tenants more than a year behind with their rent. However, the table did not show that Wakefield tenants still owed £981,000, or 2.5 per cent of the town's total rent income, at the end of the last financial year.

The figure puts Wakefield 89th in a table of 351 councils judged by the proportion of annual rent income uncollected. Only one Labour council is among the top ten in that league. Durham city council had the third best collection record with 1 per cent of its annual income, £105,000 outstanding. Top place is held by Craven council

at Skipton, north Yorkshire where no party has overall control. It had only 0.7 per cent of its annual income, or £16,000, uncollected at the end of the last financial year. Measured by the number of tenants

in arrears for more than a year Conservarive-controlled Harrow comes second to Wakefield. Yet the government arrears table places it 73rd from the bottom, among councils with the worst arrears, with £910,000 of rent outstanding, equivalent to 6.5 per cent of its rent income for the year.

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Kingston	0.08	4	55	251	South Hams
City of London	0.25	5	3.7	185	Brantwood
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Haringey	24.5	350	19.8	340	Brent
Southwark .	22.3	349	38.5	351	Hammeramit
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Hammersmith	165	347	31.2	348	Lambeth

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BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Liberal Democrat leadership is to tackle head-on the party's biggest electoral handicap, the belief of a large proportion of the public that a vote for it will be wasted.

Paddy Ashdown, and his campaign director Des Wilson, believing that the problem is so important that it cannot be ignored, are to embark on a high-risk strategy of raising it in the electorate's mind and making an attempt to debunk the "wasted vote" theory an important plank of their general election

At the same time they are to ban internal discussion of a subject which has bedevilled the start of previous campaigns: the question of whether the Liberal Democrats should be concentrating their fire on Labour or the Conservatives. They regard the ques-tion as futile and irrelevant, because they will be attacking both main parties equally for what they will call their failed

policies. Mr Ashdown and Mr Wilson are to meet at the latter's Lincolnshire home on Sunday to prepare for the election. They have already decided to use one of their four precious party election broadcasts during the campaign for a direct assault on

the wasted vote issue. They accept that by doing so they will draw attention to a potential drawback in voting Liberal Democrat. However, they believe they must act because of opinion polls which have suggested that some 46 per cent of people would vote for their Liberal Democrat candidate if they thought he or she could win.

The campaign will point out that arithmetic is against the wasted vote theory. Mr Ashdown and his team will argue that, with the Liberal Democrats the main challenger in a third of the country's seats, national opinion polls cannot be taken as an accurate reflection of what will happen in particular constituencies. They will try to turn the argument on its head, saying that a vote for the other parties is wasted because, together, they have let the country down over the

They will use the broadcast and other campaign opportunities to list the 254 seats where they came second in 1987. They believe that if a hung parliament becomes a likelihood as the campaign progresses, their case will have even greater force as people realise that a vote for the Liberal Democrats will give them greater influence.

A small strategy committee

last two decades

headed by Mr Ashdown and Mr Wilson are taking the key political decisions up to and during the general election campaign. Its other members include Archie Kirkwood, MP for Roxburgh and Berwickshire_Jim Wallace, the chief whip, Lord Holme of Cheltenham and Alan Leaman, two of Mr Ashdown's closest advisers. Alec

McGivan, deputy director of the campaign and an experi-enced strategist for the old SDP and later the Alliance. and Olly Grender, the chief media officer, are also on the

The job of planning and running the campaign, and implementing the strategy committee's decisions, is being carried out by Mr Wilson's planning group. Its key members are Lord Holme, who is in charge of policy-making and manifesto writing; Graham Elson, the party's chief executive, who is responsible for administration, finance and personnel: Simon Bryceson, who will run the press conferences; Ms Grender; Alison Holmes. who has responsibility for political broadcasts; Tim Clement-Jones, who will head the grassroots operation; Chris Rennard, who runs the target seats programme; and Peter Lee, who is in charge of regional organisation; and the two men who will be running Mr Ashdown's office, Mr Leaman and Stuart Mole. Mr Mole, who was Sir David Steel's chief aide for much of

the campaign.

A special finance group headed by Mr Wilson, Tim Razzall, the party treasurer, and Mr Elson, is monitoring the election fund. Party chiefs are voicing satisfaction that some El.5 million has been raised, enough, they believe, to fight an effective

his leadership, is to return for

Ashdown debunks | Election-winning strategy taxes Tory minds

Pity poor Norman Lamont. Opinion poll after opinion poll confirms that the two main parties are locked closely together. They are likely to remain so until the election is called. Arnid all the phoney elec-tion skirmishing only one event, MPs agree, has the potential to move a significant number of voters Mr Lamont's Budget on March 10 is the one card left to

Six times since the war a Conservative government has had to renew its appeal to the electors. Six Tory Chancellors have had to do their bit for the party in a pre-election Budget.

In April 1955 R. A. Butler cut the standard rate of income tax from 9s to 8s 6d and the Tories won the ensuing election. In April 1959 Derick Heathcoat-Amory cut the standard rate from 8s 6d to 7s 9d, and the Tories won. In March 1983 Sir Geoffrey Howe in-creased tax allowances by 14 per cent instead of the 5.5 per cent needed to cover inflation, and the Tories won in March 1987 Nigel Lawson took 2p off the standard rate and the Tories won. But in April 1964
Reggie Maudling did not
cut income tax. Nor did Anthony Barber in March
1973. In both the ensuing elections the Conservative government was defeated.

Lamont with his party if he fails to take at least a penny off the income tax. Ministers get the chance

The omens have been not-

to discuss economic strategy at the Budget cabinet a week today. Their message will no doubt be the same DOLITICAL NOTEBOOK By ROBIN OAKLEY

one senior figures are retailing in private. This election, they say, is about taxation. It is the Tory campaign emphasis on Labour's tax

policies, they are convinced, which pulled back the poll lead Mr Kinnock's party had coming into the new year. Tory Central Office plans to ram home once again in the week before the Budget Chris Patten's central refrain: "Dogs bark, cats miaow and Labour puts up taxes."

Those voices which were a little while ago arguing against an income tax cut on the grounds that it would like look crude bribery of the electorate have been stilled.

Mr Lamont must not only cut taxes, say his colleagues, but must be seen to do so. For most, that eans a penny off the standard rate on the grounds that Labour is pledged to vote against it, so highlight-ing the difference between the parties on tax. The cheaper course of increas-ing tax thresholds by signif-icantly more than inflation. it is argued, would not have the same impact because Labour is equivocal about

The Treasury's friends in the Commons have been preparing the way. Aware of past assertions by Messrs Major and Lamont that they would not stimulate any pre election mini-boom with "irresponsible" tax cuts, they are arguing that a



Party magician? Lamont's Budget holds the key fiscal stimulus now is entirely proper because the Chancellor has proved so wrong in his predictions last year of a "relatively

shallow" recession. Doom and gloom statisti-cal clouds, like the unemployment figures due today, are being seized on for their silver lining: they add re-

short-lived and relatively

spectability to the case for an active fiscal policy. Worry that the markets would not wear a tax cut have long since been dismissed with the argument that the City will accept a more expansionary Budget if it offers the prospect of Conserva-

tive victory.
As for the rest of the advice on Mr Lamont's package, any minister with a PPS worth his salt will be urging action to help small businesses. Favourite remedies are a freeze on the uniform business rate, a doubling of the threshold for small business VAT regstration and changes to inheritance tax on family owned businesses.

Neil Kinnock has clearly scored with accusations that ministers are paralysed and supine in the face of recession. Tory MPs are looking too for "something. definite" besides the tax cuts to demonstrate that the government cares. Removal of the car tax, it is said, would show political will and have the additional advantage of saving a Mid-lands marginal or two.

There are calls, too, for another interest rate

cut. though some party planners believe that should be kept in reserve.

All simple enough for those without the responsibility. But what if Mr. Lamont, a cautious man by nature, gives way to the political pressures? What if he delivers the tax cuts and helps the Tories to an elec-tion victory? Will he be transformed overnight into a Tory hero? Perhaps. But you can be sure that the streak of melancholy in his nature will have spotted the downside. What if, with that election won, those holding back now on spend-ing their mortgage interest rate cuts, suddenly decide to buy those new cars and washing machines after all. He could, within months, be reining back again and collecting a new round of

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Job cuts 'threaten marginal seats'

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR yesterday kept up its attack on the Tories' record on the jobless by publishing figures showing that unemployment had more than doubled since 1979 in more than half the key marginal seats.

Tony Blair, the shadow employment secretary, said he was confident that the jobless would be a key election issue as more people began to lose confidence in the govern-ment's handling of the economy. There was a growing sense of anger among many told that the recession was coming to an end and recovery was on the way. "The country is being misled on the state of the economy," Mr

Blair said. Recent polls have shown that the public blames Brit-ain's recession on the world economy and Mrs Thatcher rather than John Major. Speaking on the eve of this month's unemployment figures, which are expected to show another rise, Mr Blair said the electorate was bound to start blaming the present

government: Henry McLeish, the shadow employment minister, said the first analysis of unemployment figures from 1979 to 1991, prepared by researchers from the House of Commons library, showed that unemployment has risen in all 80 key marginal constit-uencies, with over half secing a rise of more than 100 per cent".

Only two seats in the country. Knowsley North and Blaenau Gwent, saw a fall in unemployment. "In stark contrast 144 constituencies saw increases of more than

Clarke calls

for reforms

AN END to the virtual mo-

nopoly of state secondary schooling enjoyed by com-

prehensives was foreshad-owed yesterday by Kenneth

Clarke, who claimed that the

return of a Labour govern-

ment would reimpose a strait-

jacket on education and deal

a crippling blow to standards (Nicholas Wood writes).

The education secretary

contrasted the diversity of the Tory vision of secondary

schooling with the uniform

pattern of all-in tuition that

Labour would reintroduce.

Mr Clarke wanted a range of

secondary schools, some of which would specialise in par-

He claimed that Labour

would abolish A-levels, deval-

ue the GCSE, end national

curriculum tests, threaten the

independence of the schools

inspectorate and forbid the

publication of league tables of

Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, accused

him of perpetrating a series of

school exam results.

ncular subjects.

200 per cent, 122 of which have Conservative MPs," Mr McLeish said. John Major's Huntingdon constituency had experienced a 214 per cent increase. Broxbourne in Hertfordshire showed the steepest climb, a rise of 567 percent, with Lewisham West beading the list of marginals, with unemployment up by

312 per cent. The regions experiencing the highest rises were Greater London (234 per tent), the Southeast (195 per cent) and the East Midlands (130 per losses at British Aerospace were another body blow to the economy.

Robin Cook, the shadow health secretary, accused the government of massaging waiting list figures by taking people off lists who had not been treated. Parliamentary answers had shown that the number of people removed from waiting lists after treat-ment had risen by 7 per cent in three years, while those removed without treatment had shot up by 82 per cent, he

Over the past three years the government has encouraged managers to remove "ghost patients" who have died, have had their treatment privately or who no longer needed the operation. Mr Cook said that some patients were also being re-moved because their health authority would not pay for their treatment under the new contract system

Stephen Dorrell, the junior health minister admitted that one or two health authorities had "overstepped the mark" in making decisions on who was treated.

Curtain call: Sir Brian Rix,

chairman of Mencap, the Royal Society for Mentally

Handicapped Children and Adults, preparing to be in-

troduced in the House of

Lords yesterday as Lord Rix Although the area does

not form part of his title, Lord Rix was introduced as

"of Whitehall", where he made his reputation in the

theatre of that name as an

actor-manager in farces.

AROUND LOBBY Leader

is out of order Lord Waddington, the

leader of the House, found himself at the centre of a row in the Lords after it was discovered that he had changed the business without consulting Opposition peers. After private discussions he climbed down and the business will now be as arranged.
Lord Waddington

brought forward a Scottish for next Friday because he knew that Scottish peers do not like to attend on Fridays. Lord Cledwyn, the Labour leader, and Lord Jenkins, the Liberal Democrat leader, protested and Viscount Whitelaw, the former House leader, called for more consultation.

Quick call

British Telcom was praised at question time by John Redwood, the corporate affairs minister. He said that 99 per cent of telephone faults were now repaired within two working days, compared with 87 per cent in 1985. In 1980, 250,000 people had been waiting more than two months for telephones to be connected, but "a week is a long time these days".

Art on loan

Tim Renton, the arts minister, has agreed to change the indemnity provisions of the Museums and Galleries Bill when works of art are lent to national galleries. Mr Renton, moving the second reading of the bill. said museum directors wanted the present arrangements to continue and amendments would be moved in relation to reporting liabilities.

Rights move

A Liberal Democrat bill to write the European Convention of Human Rights into British law was introduced by Robert Madennan, the party's home affairs spokesman. He acknowl-edged that it was unlikely to reach the statute book.

Research aid

Funding for industrial innovation is to be raised by £16 million over the next three years. Peter Lilley, the trade and industry secretary said £346 million was being made available for research and development initiatives for the financial years 1991-2 to 1994-5.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Questions: Treasury: prime minister. Army Bill, second

reading. Lords (3): Coal Industry Bill, committee. Debate on human rights in North-

Delors fires opening shots in battle of EC budget

AS HE rose before the European parliament here yesterday to open the bidding in the European Community's budget conflict, Jacques Delots, the president of the European Commission, knew that his spending plans would detonate explosions in Europe's

M Delors may dream of the day when Brussels can raise its own revenue with pan-European carbon taxes or levies on multinational companies, but for the time being he must squeeze funds out of unwilling national govern-

After delivering a dry and subdued account of how the Community might pay for the ambitions written into the Maastricht treaty last December, M Delors passed a note to a British Conservative MEP. The note reiterated the Commission president's reassurance that the vexed question of Britain's special budget discount with Brussels would not be raised until after the British general election "in order not to embarrass only trying. M Delors added, tongue in cheek, to be a "good civil servant".

The EC's budget is more than an administrative exercise as M Delors, a numbers

As Jacques Delors begins his fight to raise funds from unwilling goverments, he may find them unhappy to continue spoonfeeding Mediterranean countries, George Brock writes from Strasbourg

knows. The Community's five-year plans make or break the grand designs which the 12 governments lay out indocuments such as the Maastricht treaty on economic and political union which was formally signed last week.

The Single European Act of 1985 was written and agreed in six weeks. The budget which gave it substance took a year and two bruising summits to settle. Margaret Thatcher's relentless request for the return of her money paralysed the Community for sev eral years in the 1980s. With the need for a budget to run from next year until 1997, what Roy Jenkins, M Delors's predecessor, called the BBQ (the Bloody British Question

will fly back and forth on the BBQ with almost no real facts to weigh them down. The Commission has suggested an outline budget and done some broad calculations on how the complex revenueraising formulas will need to

be adjusted for the EC to break even. National governments started work on the backs of envelopes and on computer models yesterday. EC leaders will wrangle at their summer summit at Lisbon and perhaps settle the bottom lines at the Christmas summit in Edinburgh.

Who gains and loses will be altered by such imponderables as the outcome of the beleaguered Gatt world trade talks, how fast or slowly Europe's economies grow, and how many rich Scandinavian states join the EC before ures will change from now until at least year's end.

The Commission suggests that EC spending will grow by 6 per cent a year for the next five years. The British rebate will be unpopular with more countries this year because several rich northern countries besides Britain and Germany may well become permanent net payers to the

The British rebate was de-

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EC governments. A Labour

EC BUDGET FOR 1992

signed in abnormal circumstances," Henning Christopherson, the finance commissioner, said this week, "It was the only country other than Germany with a deficit. If France, Italy, Denmark and Holland will now have deficits too, the philosophical reason for this concession will cease to exist."

That jealous aside gives vivid flavour of the kind of campaign that is likely to be waged against Britain's bud-

get deal this summer. But the would fight for "our money" argument is weak and unlikeat least as hard as the Tories. to win. Mrs Thatcher's "No new sources of revenue fight was against the lopsided should be discussed at this system of farm subsidy which stage," Glyn Ford. Labour's European parliament leader, was designed before Britain entered the Community and said yesterday. Not even Mr biased against it. As Tristan Garel-Jones went that far. Garel-Jones, a Foreign Office minister, was quick to point out here yesterday, the rebate

In 1992 the British rebate is worth about £1.4 billion, bringing the government's payments to Brussels down from £3.5 billion to £2.1 billion. The rebate is very likely government sounds as if it to survive. The roughest

Thatcher: request for money paralysed EC

Whitehall calculations find that the total net increase in British annual payments might be 30 to 50 per cent up on present figures by 1997. The present bill of £2.1 billion might therefore rise to as much as £3.5 billion.

But this arithmetic assumes that Britain and its partners agree with the priorities laid out yesterday by M Delors. The Commission president presented them as the automatic consequences

ordinated foreign policy, bigger subsidies for Portugal. Greece, Spain and Ireland, and reform of the already horribly expensive common agricultural policy.

But governments retain a wide discretion to cut costs. Straining to meet the harsh requirements of convergence towards monetary union at the end of the century and battered by recession, they may not feel so ready in future to spoonfeed Mediterranean economies and uneconomic farmers as they have been in

• Paris: M Delors would be the strongest Socialist candidate in a French presidential poll, but Jacques Chirac, the conservative mayor of Paris, would beat him, according to a poll published yesterday

The BVA market research company sketched four possible scenarios for secondround run-offs in presidential elections currently scheduled for 1995. It showed M Delors, whose Brussels role has saved him from being tainted by a series of domestic scandals involving the Socialist party, would win a run-off against Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the centre-right leader

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Allen: levity concerning his work is not encouraged

French go bananas over Woody's latest

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

the release of a new Woody cultural event. Allen is worshipped in this country as the most European of American directors, another way of saying that the French believe only they are discerning enough truly to understand and appreciate his work.

Leader

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order

Imagine the excitement, then, when Allen decided that the world première of Shadows and Fog. his latest work, was to be in Paris. Imagine, too, the frantic efforts by the chattering classes to ensure that they were invited to last

night's opening.
The build-up for Shadows and Fog has been extraordinary, with the sort of free publicity on television that makes producers drool. Anne Sinclair, France's most influential television interviewer, flew to New York for an hour's conversation with Allen, abandoning her usual tough line of questioning with public figures for an approach that bordered on the reverential.

The French, of course, believe Allen chose Paris in recognition of their deeper and finer sensitivity about his work: in Le Figaro's judgment, it was "a way of paying homage to the nation that was first to hail him as more than a highly gifted comic". Readers of Le Quotidien were given a review of the film, a long analysis of Allen's "roots

FRANCE invariably treats in Mitteleuropa" and an interview with Robert Green-

> Pressed, Mr Greenhut obligingly confirmed that it was the first of about 70 films with which he had been involved that was being launched out-side America. But he then rather dashed the stars from French eyes by adding that money problems had dictated the decision. By way of consolation, however, he said that, yes, the new work was Woody's most European film yet".

> According to Eric Lax, Al-len's official biographer, Shadows and Fog is likely to succeed better in France than in America. "It is a German expressionist comedy, sort of like Max Ernst meets Bob Hope," he said in The Internationa Herald Tribune. That sounds like a joke, and Allen's hardcore French fans do not encourage levity about the master's works: the correct cultural references may be looked up in two massive tomes on 50 years of the American cinema published

> But the last word goes to Mr Greenhut, who has worked with Woody Allen for many years and says he is still very funny. After that long interview with Anne Sinclair. he recalls, Allen was worried that he had been too boring. "The journalist really did not give him much chance to be

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'Father Pickaxe' stirs dispute with Vatican

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME .

RELATIONS between the Quirinal Palace and the Vatican have deteriorated after charges by a colourful priest close to President Cossign that Cardinal Camillo Ruini is a freemason.

The accusation against the prelate, the head of the Italian bishops' conference, was made by Mgr Pietro Pintus during a homily on Sunday at his parish of San Lorenzo in Lucina and repeated on Italian radio. Under the 1983 Canon Law code, membership of all associations that machinate against the Roman Catholic Church is forbidden. The church treats freemasonry in this category. Previously, Catholics were forbidden to be masons pain

rication. Mgr Pintus, aged 70, rose to public prominence seven years ago when he proposed that the late Princess Grace of Monaco should be beatified. The Italian press has dubbed him "Father Pickaxe" for his outspoken support for the president's crusade to "take a pickaxe" to the ills of the Italian political system. On Monday the Vatican denied a claim by Mgr Pintus that he had received a telephone call of support from the Pope. During a Mass on Tuesday, the Pope expressed solidarity with Cardinal Ruini.

Archbishop Remigio Ragonesim, the cardinal's deputy, said Mgr Pintus might be removed from his parish.
The vicariate of Rome, faced with reiterated, totally false. shameful affirmations proffered in these days by Mgr Pintus, ... reserves the right to adopt the necessary provisions for the good of the ecclesiastical community."



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TOBACCO ADVISORY COUNCIL
Hear the other side

Russia invaded by new army of fascist rabble-rousers

MOSCOW'S large Rossiya weekend, not with film enthusiasts but unhappy patriots. The centre-right parties such as the Russian Christian Democratic Movement and the Party of People's Freedom - were trying to devise an opposition platform to President Yeltsin.

it was, by most accounts, an orderly and impeccably democratic event, until a score of blackshirts elbowed their way on to the scene. They were toughs from the ultra-chauvinist Pamyat group and they wanted a say for their leader. Dmitri Vassilyev. Given access to the microphone. Mr Vassilyev gushed out anti-Semitic slogans and accused Mr Yeltsin of launching a "policy of genocide against the Russian nation", to huge applause and much stamping of feet from the impeccable

This is the time of the rabble-rouser in Russia. All too often you hear the fascist cliché from the 1930s - that power is lying in the gutter waiting to be picked up. The first, and perhaps most last-ing, effect of these would-be Russia's extreme right is threatening to pick up a significant chunk of the vote and change the whole political climate of the country, Roger Boyes, East Europe Correspondent, writes

autocrats is that they are wrecking normal progress towards the formation of a bourgeois centre-right grouping. In developed democracies, chauvinist politicians have been confined for the most part to the margins. disturbing to be sure but with little chance of grabbing

Even influential nationalists, such as Jean-Marie Le Pen in France and Jörg Haider in Austria, have to play by the rules. In Russia today there are very few rules and no mature institutions. The fascist-populists can, with minimal organisation, pick up significant, perhaps decisive, chunks of the vote and change the whole political climate.

Vladimir Zhirinovsky, aged 45, is the leader of the mis-leadingly named Liberal Democratic party and one of the key figures in a right-wing coalition called Nashi (Ours). Running in Russia's presidential elections last year he picked up more than six million votes, partly, it must be admitted, because he promised to slash vodka prices but also because he was loud in his commitment to defending Russians living in non-Russian republics.

He is a "statist" — that is,

he wants strong state power in Russia — but claims to be an economic liberal. His economics seem to boil down to encouragement for private business and a vague promise of personal wealth. In the Polish presidential elections of 1990, the emigré, Stanislaw Tyminski, played a similar get-rich-with-me card and won more than 25 per cent of the vote against Lech

Mr Zhirinovsky studied at the Moscow University Asia



Alksnis: the "black colonel" promised the job of Baltic area "gauleiter" by the right-wing Nashi alliance two years as an army officer, ous stages of his political

There are at least three

the former Soviet secret ser-

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and then qualified as a lawyer. According to some reports, he was caught dealing in hard currency while a stu-dent and was pressed into service as a KGB informer. Whatever the truth of that widely believed story, the KGB certainly seems to have given him a hand up at vari-

The second is that, if Mr Zhirinovsky succeeds, he will create a police-backed central dictatorship, restore order and create jobs, not least for policemen. The other theory suggests that Mr Zhirinovsky's supporters will push President Yeltsin into more nationalist policies. Not surprisingly, the

Parnyat blackshirts have been signing up with Mr Zhirinovsky and declaring themselves to be liberal democrats. His appeal is to those who favour the diplomacy of the thug - the Buggsy Siegel and Al Capone school of politics. Here is an interview with

the Lithuanian newspaper Respublika: "The territories of the Baltic republics are native Russian lands. I'll de-stroy you. I'll bury nuclear waste in the Smolensk region along your border. I'll move the Semipalatinsk test site to your area. You Lithuanians will die from diseases and radiation. Soon there will be conspiracy theories about Mr Zhirinovsky's meteoric rise no Lithuanians, Estonians and they all seem to involve and Latvians in the Baltic. I'll vice. The first is that the KGB act as Hitler did in 1932." And, in a similar vein to an Armenian paper: "I'll stran-gle your independence with a nists would be stampeded into unity when they were

Peaches? Then eat your

peaches." The Nashi coalition includes in its praesidium the hardline general. Albert Makashev, the "black colonel" Viktor Alksnis — whom Mr Zhirinovsky promises to make gauleiter of "the Baltic province" - and other tough, mainly former Communist politicians. Their anthem is the wartime song: Arise huge country, arise for the last battle. :

Mr Zhirinosky's strangest yet best-known ally is a television reporter and anchorman, Alexander Nevzorov. A handsome, intense 33-yearold, he made his reputation with a nightly live television show called 600 Seconds. Every night Nevzorov would go out on the streets of Lenin-grad (as it then was) and expose corruption and crime. His most famous scoop came when he burst into a meatprocessing plant to reveal that condemned carcasses were being turned into sausages. He claims that his political conversion occurred during the shootings in Vilnius in January 1991: then he became a fully fledged, ultra-

It is difficult to gauge the strength of the Russian ex-treme right. Membership fig-ures are low and probably faked. But they are not only a third force, in the historical sense. They also appeal to and speak for a third Russia that belongs neither to Mr Yeltsin, nor to those gathered around the Gorbachevian communists.

In the cities they strike chords with the under-class, the skinheads who are so active in St Petersburg and Moscow, and with those intellectuals who are very close to the Orthodox church.

But the biggest support comes from the smaller towns and the remote countryside. There the suspicion of the new political elites is very deep; so is their contempt for the corruption of the metropolitan middle class and their fear of unemployment. Until now, they have been political-

But as Mr Yeltsin's authority evaporates and chaos and crime replace the centrally managed economy, this third Russia is being jolted awake by the most unsavoury of

New army of 1.5 million proposed

Moscow presses for nuclear zero alert

By Bruce Clark in moscow and Michael Evans, defence correspondent

AS RUSSIA yesterday called on all nuclear powers to place their nuclear weapons on "zero aleri status", it emerged that the largest of the former Soviet republics is to form its own army of about 1.5 million men.

The new nuclear arms pro-posal was made by Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian foreign minister, at the disarmament conference in Geneva. He also said that warheads should be kept separate from their missiles and other delivery systems to prevent the unauthorised or accidental

launching of a missile. The announcement of a separate Russian army is expected to be made by President Yeltsin after tomorrow's meeting of Commonwealth leaders in Minsk. General Dmitri Volkogonov. Presi-dent Yeltsin's top defence adviser, said in an interview published in the daily Nezavisimaya Gazeta that the chances of world war were

Tintin's

creator

defended

Paris: A court here has sen-tenced the Belgian publisher

Dolle-Morgen to pay a symbolic franc (10p) in damages to the widow of Georges Remi

- better known as Herge,

creator of the Tintin comic

books - for false representa-tion in a strip called The Sex

Life of Herge". In the strip, the late creator

of the clean-living, kind-

hearted and courageous re-porter and his faithful dog

Snowy is shown as "telling racist and pornographic sto-

ries to a young boy, with whom he later has sex". (AFP)

Stockholm: Swedish investi-

gators said ice on the wings that was sucked into the

engines probably caused a Scandinavian Airlines plane

to crash soon after takeoff last

December. All 129 people on

Club bombed

Stockholm: A bomb has de-

stroyed a Croatian immigrant club building in the

western town of Gothenburg.

Police said the bombing might be linked to a recent wave of attacks against refu-

gee camps and immigrants in Sweden. (Reuter)

Drug epidemic

Rome: A third of Italy's jail population suffers from drug addiction and 15 of every 100

soldiers may have a drug

problem, a government report says. Officials said that

more people die in Rome

from drug overdoses than in

Venice action

Rome: More than 25 years

after floods ravaged Venice,

the government has begun

New York. (Reuter)

Ice blamed

board the survived. (Reuter)

now virtually negligible. That meant Russia needed a mainly volunteer army of no more than 1.5 million men, compared with nearly four million currently under arms in the former Soviet Union.

General Volkogonov envisaged the army as "mobile, professional, battle-ready and capable of waging — and therefore of preventing — re-gional conflicts". Until now Russia had said it would not form a separate army unless forced to do so by the actions of its Commonwealth partners, at least half of whom are developing their own defence

The creation of a Russian defence force would be a big blow to the tragile Commonwealth, an institution that has been described by a top Ukrainian official as a "civiised form of divorce decision could lead to disputes similar to the long-running argument between Russia and Ukraine over the

Baker to

propose

Baku link

Bakn. Azerbaijan: James Baker, the American Secre-

tary of State, decided yester-

day to recommend the estab-lishment of diplomatic ties with Azerbaijan in spite of its

record of human rights

abuses, particularly in the

predominantly Armenian en-clave of Nagorno-Karabakh, officials here said.

Mr Baker, who is visiting

six former Soviet states to

which he has not previously

been, said President Mutalibov had undertaken to

fulfil all the requirements for

US diplomatic recognition,

including respect for human rights. "We have no reason to

believe the assurances will not

be followed through," he said

winter fuel.

must clapse. Retargeting as such has not taken place." The Russian foreign minis-

There were reservations, he said, about agreeing to the complete destruction of factories that were once used for making chemical weapons. 'In the light of our economic difficulties, we believe it would be more sensible to leave open the possibility of using some of the equipment and buildings at former facil-

Mr Kozyrev said he recognised the concern of other countries that former Soviet military scientists could be hired by developing countries destruction. He suggested the scientists could be put to work on international projects to destroy nuclear and other

They could also work with American scientists in joint research on a global protection system, replacing the American strategic defence initiative project. The system should be used to protect all countries "from possible moves by irresponsible politicians or terrorists".

control of the Black Sea fleet. General Volkogonov suggest-ed that 55 per cent of the former Soviet army could remain under Commonwealth control for an initial period.

In Geneva, Mr Kozyrev suggested that all nuclear weapons should be put under the overall supervision of the United Nations and that change data on their weapon systems and production facil-ities. Last month Mr Yeltsin announced that nuclear missiles would no longer be turgeted at American cities. Mr Kozyrev, however, said it was difficult to carry that out.

This was supported by Marshal Yevgeni Shaposh-nikov, Commonwealth commander. He said: "The statements (by Mr Yeltsin) were political statements. Bestatements and their translation into practice, some time

ter also acknowledged that there were difficulties over destroying 40,000 tons of chemical weapons inherited from the former Soviet Union. Russia had the technology, but help was needed in building environmentally safe destruction facilities.

ities for the purposes of peace-ful production."



aid theft rejected

BY BRUCE CLARK

WITH Russia's dependence on food from overseas deep-ening by the day, officials responsible for co-ordinating the foreign aid flow have rejected charges that huge quantities of assistance are being syphoned off to the black market.

Aleksandr Zhitnikov, the deputy head of Russia's Commission for International Hu-manitarian Aid, described as 'nonsense" claims that more than half the West's contributions were not reaching the intended recipients. He said Russian authorities were working closely with the pol-ice to prevent malpractice in the distribution of aid packages, whose total volume is expected to quadruple this year to one million tons.

Mr Zhimikov's claim to be preventing fraud is a plausible one with regard to highly-publicised aid efforts in which 54 flights are delivering food and medicine to more than 20 cities. This project involved the transport of an apparently small proportion of the 18,000 tons of Gulf war rations that America has promised the former Soviet states, plus symbolic contri-butions from as many as 50 other countries. Such efforts depend heavily on the in-

volvement of western voluntary organisations which have experience of fighting fraud. But even Russian officials acknowledge that the railway system — which will play a crucial role in transporting food on a larger scale

— is plagued by red tape,
corruption and plain their.

The global figure of one million tons greatly under-states Russia's dependence on foreign goodwill — and the appalling situation that could arise if Western donors pulled the plug because of some change in Moscow's political climate. It is doubtful if the former Soviet states could afford any of the 35 million tons of grain they are expected to import this year without soft loans backed by donor governments.

Most of these imports are still subject to the bottlenecks of the Russian port and railway system. Cattle are being way system. Cattle are being slaughtered early for because of the lack of feed grain, and Russian officials say foreign supplies of fodder are the only hope of keeping, the stockbreeding sector in existence. Reports from the Russian countries appears that sian countryside suggest that spring sowing might be badly disrupted by a shortage of

Charges of foreign Germans step up demands for British troops to go

FROM IAN MURRAY IN SCHNEVERDINGEN, LÜNEBURG HEATH

A SMALL sticker showing a tank painted with the Union Jack has begun appearing everywhere on the trees and road signs around Lüneburg heath. For the British it is not a friendly sign. Time to go home." it reads.

The whole of the Prussian training grounds here, where the British army kept its armoured divisions ready throughout the Cold War and prepared them for the Gulf war, is under fierce bombardment from local citizens' groups demanding "Tommies raus".

A couple of weeks ago Gerhard Schröder, prime

Schneverdingen, Lower Sax-ony, in the federal republic," he told 1,000 cheering local poeple crammed into the community centre. "This is not east of Suez.".

The campaign against British troops using part of the heath as their main training ground for tank manoeuvres has been growing quickly over the past decade. With the Cold War over and the size of the British Army of the Rhine due to be reduced by a half to 23,000 men by 1995, an agreement has been reached to withdraw from the heath

by mid-1994. That is no-where fast enough for many minister of Lower Saxony,

---In retreat: tanks are blamed for ruining heathland

joined the protesters. "This is local people, who have formed crizens' grups dedicated to driving the British

out sooner. Even when they do leave, according to Gottfied Vauk, recently appointed to head the local nature protection academy, the polition and damage the troops have caused to the environment

will take many years and mil-lions of marks to repair. He told a meeting this week that the area would bedangerous for children and the soil might be so politted that it would never again grow the purple heather that covers the area in a riot of folour each

August.
Yesterday it was easy to believe that he mist be right. Standing by the ank bridge leading on to one of the "red areas" where tracked vehicles have churned the heath into a muddy moonscape, pitted with deep puddles, and with 1,000hp tank ergines throb-bing through the mist, no scene could have been more desolate.
"We are definitely in retreat

here," Major James Milesad-mits. "But the Gulf proved you have to have soldier to protect democracy - and if you have soldiers, you have to

'Bugged' Arafat plunges Paris in hot water again

after meeting Mr Mutalibov. Largely Islamic Azerbaijan has been waging a worsening war against Nagorno-Karareacted with sharp displeabakh. It has also imposed a sure yesterday to publication blockade against Armenia, of what is claimed to be the which supports the enclave's transcript of a bugged teledesire to secede, leaving its phone conversation in which neighbour virtually without Yassir Arafat expressed hatred and contempt for Washington is concerned France's "dirty civilisation". that the bloody conflict may The same transcript conbe a precursor to the eruption tains nakedly anti-Semitic remarks allegedly made by the chairman of the Palesof other simmering ethnic disputes in the former Soviet Union which were kept in check for 70 years by authoritine Liberation Organistarian Communist rule. (AP) ation during a conversation with Ibrahim Souss, his rep-

• Prague: A mission from the resentative in Paris. 48-nation Conference on Sec-In an unusually swift reurity and Co-operation in Europe left here yesterday for Nagorno-Karabakh, the offisponse to the broadcasting of the alleged conversation

THE French government arouse the indignation and reproach of France". Emphasising that the Quai d'Orsay had no information about whether the transcribed conversations had actually taken place or how they came to be recorded, the spokesman noted that Mr Souss had already rejected the allegations out of hand.

For his part, Mr Souss called the use of the transcript, which was yesterday published at length in the French newspaper Liberation, a "gross manipulation". Announcing that he and Mr Arafat would sue CNN "and all those who

Peter Stothard in Washington and Philip Jacobson in Paris report on French and PLO embarrassment over an alleged anti-Semitic tape

attempt to undermine the. PLO's standing in the West. Official sources in Washington were cautious about the tape which, while sounding like Mr Arafat to those familiar with his voice, had been published in a way so clearly to the benefit of the Israeli government.

A CNN spokesman said that the network stood by its report. The two speakers

recent decision to admit George Habash, the Palestinian guerrilla leader, for treatment in a French clinic. The speed of the official French reaction to the alleged remarks undoubtedly reflects the extreme sensitiv-

over this damaging affair.
The voice that is claimed to be that of Mr Souss says the French government is

ity the government still feels

plies: "The Jews at work!, Damn their fathers! Dogs! Filthy! Dirt! All this for one sick man." He then refers to "the rotten Jews with whom we will settle accounts in the Mr Souss believes that the

tributed to Mr Arafat re-

tape is a "montage", splicing cleverly fabricated passages into a conversation that he freely agrees took place with Mr Arafat after the Habash affair erupted There will be speculation

that the tape — genuine or doctored — could have originated in the French intelligence community. The Habash visit was bitterly re-

was allowed to enter France: The Israeli government, however, refused yesterday to react to the alleged anti-Jewish remarks. Ehud Gol, a spokesman for Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister, said: "I would say that any reaction or commentary on what Mr Arafat said is unnecessary, since he is not worthy of it. We do not need any additional proof of the character of this man or his organisation as expressed by

Shimon Peres, the Labour leader, condemned the "ugh statements", emphasised the importance

his repulsive words."

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spending money allocated to save the city from future floods. "This is the turning by Cable News Network, a cial CSTK news agency said. The organisation's foreign heard on the tape discussed foreign ministry official said accuse us of anti-Semitism". not to blame and the realsented by senior officials enof continuing dialogue with Mr Souss said in Paris that culprits are the opposition the controversy that had gaged in counter-terrorist that, if such views had been Palestinian leaders from the ministers decided last month point for Venice," Giovanni arisen in France after the and the Jews. The voice atoperations, who claim they Israel might be behind an to send a fact-finding mission occupied territories. expressed, "they could only Prandini, the public works to the enclave. (Reuter) minister, said. (Reuter)

US election campaign

Revitalised **Bush comes** out fighting

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER

PRESIDENT Bush announced his candidature for a second White House term yesterday with an aggressive, tub-thumping speech that set the tone for what promises to be nine months of brutal campaigning.

At a razzmatazz ceremony before hundreds of handpicked supporters in a Washington hotel ballroom, Mr Bush embraced conservative themes largely ignored for the past three years, took pot shots at the character and policies of his opponents, and heaped the blame for the domestic failures of his first administration on Congress.

"We are in a tough fight," said Mr Bush, who enters the race with some of the lowest approval ratings of any presi-dent seeking re-election since the war. "But", he added, "when principle is at stake I fight to win. I am determined to win, and I will win."

He mocked the isolationism of Patrick Buchanan, his conservative Republican challenger — "our national bird is the eagle, not the ostrich". He and his wife Barbara, who introduced him, spoke of their family values, the weak spot of Bill Clinton, the Democratic candidate who has admitted extra-marital affairs. Mr Bush even recalled his war record, knowing that Mr Clinton is enmeshed in allegations of Vietnam draft-dodging.

Saddam's son-in-law back at top

Cairo: President Saddam Hussein of Iraq moved to quash rumours that family feuds were undermining his regime by formally reinstating Lieutenant-General Hussein Kamel Hassan, his sonin-law, as a presidential adviser, three months after dismissing him as defence minister (Christopher Walker

The ruling Revolution Command Council said that General Kamel, aged 37, a man regarded as having played a key role in developing lraq's nuclear weapons programme, would enjoy all the privileges of a cabinet

Comradely link

Hanoi: China and Vietnam pledged that the phase of confrontation was over and a new phase had begun, as Oian Qichen, Chinese foreign minister, flew in to be greeted by Nguyen Manh Cam, his Vietnamese counterpart (Reuter)

Floe laboratory

New York: American and Russian scientists have started setting up camp on a 1.7-mile-long ice floe that has become the first floating Ant-arctic research station. The laboratory will study the interaction of air, ice and the ocean. (AP)

£2m for boy

Melbourne: The Supreme Court awarded a record £2.2 million to Shane Gladwin. aged 11, who sued his mother and another driver over a car crash which left him quadriplegic and able to breathe only with a ventilator. Insurers will pay the sum. (Reuter)

Amnesty plea

London: Amnesty International has called on Yitzhak Shamir,the Israeli prime minister, to intervene to stop the torture and ill treatment of detainees after last week's death in custody of Mustafa Akawi, a Palestinian who had complained of torture. (AP)

Police killed

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Lima: Three police officers were killed and the American ambassador's residence was damaged in one of seven bombings here. Two other police officers were badly hurt in the attacks which also damaged five banks and a cinema. (AP)

High-speed sex

Wellington: A television network was rebuked for showing a couple demonstrating 69 sex positions in 60 seconds. The broadcasting standards authority said the explicit TV3 news item was not generally acceptable in New Zealand. (AFP)

"In 1992 the American people will decide what kind of leadership they want," Mr Bush said. "They will decide which team has the charac-

ter, experience and toughness to make the important decisions. They can cast their lot with a lot of fresh faces who tout stale ideas, but they won't. Voters know the difference between a sound bite and sound policy."
Mr Bush laboured the high

spots of his first term: communism's collapse, the diminished nuclear threat and the Gulf victory. "Because we did the right things, America stands alone, the undisputed leader of the world," he said, as his audience chanted: "Four more years".

He blamed America's economic stagnation, tax in-creases, and his lack of domestic accomplishments on "the entrenched opposition in Washington that has clung to old failed ways not out of principle but out of sheer politics". No more, he said. To those who want to obstruct progress, we say: "Get out of the way. We have got an agenda." To revive blurred distinctions between Republicans and Democrats and blunt Mr Buchanan's right-wing challenge, Mr Bush listed as his future priorities such Reaganesque nostrums as smaller government, strong defence, and greater parental choice.

Mr Bush flew directly to New Hampshire where, six days before the first primary, sides remain worried by Mr Buchanan's challenge. The president leads by roughly 60 per cent to 30 per cent in this recession-battered state, but his support is lukewarm, his

campaign flat, and many Re-publicans still undecided.

The White House has mounted an eleventh-hour blitz to erode a large protest vote. It is offering "exclusive" Oval Office interviews to a flattered local media and, in the style of 1988 when Mr Bush ripped into Robert Dole in the final days, has pre-pared negative advertiseattacking Mr ments broadcast this weekend if

Diary, page 12



Twin century: sisters, Kin Narita, right, and Gin Kanie, celebrating their 100th birthday in Kin's house in Nagoya in central Japan. The sisters have become showbusiness personalities in Japan after the filming of a television commercial recently. Their names, Kin, which means gold, and

Gin, meaning silver, are popular in a they were children. Four years after country where longevity is an honour, their birth Japan invaded Korea, and and is bound to lead to a new generation of children being named after them. They have become such a hit that they are to make a compact disc recording debut later this month, narrating their memories of events when

ten years after that the Japanese astonished the Western world by defeating tsarist Russia. However, Kin and Gin are not planning any promotional events at the moment due to their age

Tyson's victim may make mercy plea

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

DESIREE Washington, the teenager whose charge of rape brought down Mike Tyson, may ask the court in Indianapolis to spare him a prison sentence, her lawyer ninted yesterday.

"She wants to testify," said David Hennessy, talking of the boxer's scheduled appearance in court on March 6, when Judge Patricia Gifford will listen to evidence on his character and pass a sentence which could, in theory, range from a suspended term to 60 years in prison. "She might surprise some people, but it's

for her to say."

Under Indiana law, judges
must pay heed to a plea for crime. But local lawyers said they were certain the boxer would have to serve time, probably two or three years at least. Any other action would contradict the "message" which the Indiana prosecutor

and the jury said his conviction was supposed to send to the world: that celebrities have no immunity to the criminal code.

A host of famous people, including the Rev Jesse Jackson and stars from the sporting and entertainment world. are expected to troop to Indiana to give character references for the fallen boxer. The next question will be whether Judge Gifford, a former sex crimes prosecutor, orders him to report to jail or await the outcome of the cumbersome appeal machinery.

"This was just round one," an unrepentant Tyson said from his Ohio camp yesterready to go to war." against Ms Washington, he told the New York Post in his only public reaction to the guilty verdict which is expected to end his professional boxing



Harvard University's Hasty Pudding theatre group as its 1992 woman of the year

Pakistani forces shoot Kashmiris

From Christopher Thomas in Chinarl

PAKISTANI police, troops and paramilitary forces yes-terday fired on thousands of unarmed Kashmiris trying to cross into India, killing at least six and wounding many more. Last night Kashmiri militants claimed 12 people had died.

The victims, battered by driving wind and rain, fell into freezing mud on a rough mountain track six miles from the border. Then they were dragged away to ambu-lances and taken to a make-

shift hospital.

Behind barriers less than 50 yards away, at least 1,500 people continued to stand siat them, flinging themselves into waterlogged ditches when the Pakistani forces opened fire.

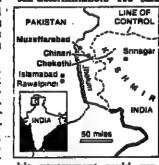
The macabre confrontation continued until late last night before people reportedly began filing away from the bor-der. Amanullah Khan, leader of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front, which organised the attempted border crossing, was reported by his supporters to be under army arrest. But state govern-ment officials insisted he was at large and had agreed a

About 8,000 people attempted to storm the border after marching from the vil-lage of Chinari. Several hundred police confronted them at a narrow bridge across a deep gorge. Tear gas filled the anti-Pakistan and anti-India slogans and demanded an independent Kashmir. Police atop a 300ft cliff hurled stones into the crowd, inflict-

ing many head wounds.
Several hundred young men clambered up the rocks from a different direction and stormed the police from behind. There was a momen-tary stand-off as young officers aimed their rifles and then threw them to the ground. A deputy superinhostage and beaten.

The bridge was finally stormed and the police fell back to the next line of defence several hundred yards away. There Mr Khan said the shootings had proved that Pakistan was no better than

The political fall-out of yesterday's events could be enormous. Mian Nawaz Sharif. the Pakistani prime minister, will have to justify the shoot-ing of Pakistanis to defend a border that Pakistan itself has always disputed. In Islamabad last night he called on India to grant the people of divided Kashmir the right of self-determination. He said



government could support independence for the territory. Pakistan has previously inisted that Kashmiris should choose between India and Pakistan in a plebiscite, resolved by the United Nations after the first war between the two neighbours in 1948.

Mr Khan, who had led 10,000 people on a march from Muzaffarabad to Chinari, began the day yesterday with a rally at which he declared his readiness to die. Delhi: Sikh militants killed five bus passengers yesterday an state of Punjab, domestic news agencies reported. The agencies said two men travelling on a bus stopped it near the city of Bhatinda, then sprayed it with automatic gunfire, killing five Hindus and wounding two. (Reuter)

Royal visit, page 1

Towering tribute to Glenn Miller

PEOPLE

disused English wartime airfield where he was last seen alive. They want to dismantle the derelict tower and take it back to America as a tribute to him. Miller flew from Twinwoods airfield in Bedfordshire in 1944 on his way to Paris and was never seen again — it's assumed his plane crashed into the sea. Barry Soper, his son-in-law, wants to buy the tower from farmer John Abraham.

The commander of British forces during the Gulf war is visiting the region to intro-duce his successor as Middle East adviser to Britain's defence ministry. Lieutenant-General Sir Peter de la Billière, who left active service soon after the war, and his successor, Lieutenent-General Sir Michael Wilkes, called on Wednesday on UAE chiefof-staff, Lieutenant-General Mohammad Saced al-Badi.

Gene Tlerney's diamond necklace fetched \$27,000 (£15,000) as more than 1,000 bidders joined in a three-day auction in Houston, Texas, of the late film star's personal possessions. More than 2,300 fans and collectors showed up for the sale. The 130 lots included jewels given to the actress by Prince Aly Khan, with whom she had an affair in the 1950s.

Joan Collins has given mouldings of her hand and foot prints so that Bath can set up its own version of the Hollywood walk of fame. Maureen Lipman, Edward Fox, Sir Michael Hordern and Sir Peter Ustinov have given similar prints.

Former Tory MP for Bil-lericay, Essex, Harvey Proctor, forced to stand down because of a homosexual sex scandal, is to become the president of the chamber of

The family of big band leader Glean Miller are trying to buy the control tower at the shattered life by opening a shattered life by opening a men's shirt shop in the town called Proctor's Nuts.

> The voice of Richard Burton is to be heard again, eight years after his death. An animated version of Under Milk Wood by Dylan Thomas is being produced around Burton's original BBC radio recording first broadcast in 1954. The film will be broad-cast by BBC2 and the Welsh version of Channel Four to mark St David's day this



Cher surprised an organisation that helps children with facial deformities by pledging a \$450,000 donation during the Maury Povich television show. The singer and actress played the mother of a boy with a disfigured face in the 1985 film Mask, and has been a spokesman for the Dallas based Children's Cra-niofacial Association since then. She is giving the money to the association.

Cambodian head of state Prince Novedom Sihanona has opened a clinic to fit artificial limbs, offering new hope to tens of thousands of mine victims. The "Limb Project" of the British-based charity, Cambodia Trust, has been set up at Calmette Hospital, Phnom Penh, at a cost

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Hong Kong gives boat people hard lesson

THIRTY-SIX bedraggled Vietnamese boat people clutching meagre bundles of possessions in shabby plastic bags, were ushered on board a Hercules cargo plane yesterday under heavy armed guard at Kai Tak airport, Hong Kong, to be flown home to Hanoi against their will.

The flight was the third of the Hong Kong govern-ment's "orderly return programme", devised under an October 29, 1991, agreement with the Vietnamese government which confirms the eventual repatriation to Vietnam of all "non-refugees" now in detention camps in Hong Kong.

News of the agreement and of the first deportation flights has clearly spread rapidly among those Viet-namese still considering pledging all their savings for a precarious passage to Hong Kong on board flimsy fishing boats. Only four

Joanna Pitman writes from Hong Kong that the message of forced repatriation has penetrated Vietnam and cut down the flow of migrants

far this year, a dramatic reduction from the 606 who were washed up on Hong Kong shores in the same period last year.

The slowdown is doubtedly the result of the October agreement. The Vietnamese now know we mean business." said Paul Brown, a Hong Kong government spokesman. The government's boat

people problems, however. are by no means over. Senior officials were marvelling yesterday at Vice-President Dan Quayle's illinformed and counterproductive comments on the refugee issue in London this week. Mr Quayle said that all Vietnamese boat people were political refu-

gees and should be differentiated from the Haitian refugees streaming into America. "The spread of misinformation is highly damaging. He clearly has no idea about the refugee status determination proce-dure which has been in operation since June 1988.

More than 21,000 Vietnamese boat people in Hong Kong have failed to secure refugee status and have been labelled as economic migrants. A further 33,358 are waiting to be screened. All have spent years locked up in squalid. prison-like detention centres, some for almost five years. harbouring dreams of a miracle resettlement

said Mr Brown.

wheel of a glossy sports car in Los Angeles. A trickle of realists are olunteering to join the re-

patriation programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Others, like yesterday's batch, are being unceremoniously deported.

If Hong Kong's screening process is slow the deportation programme is expected to be equally time-consum-ing. Vietnamese govern-ment obduracy over timing and repatriation payments is likely to prolong the programme for at least another three years.

Hanoi, welcoming back the 36 deportees yesterday. said that Vietnam was not getting enough of the finan-cial aid promised to help make the agreement work. Unaware of the political games being played out over their heads, the 24.000 inmates of Whitehead. Hong Kong's largest and

most tightly packed detenoffer and a new life at the tion centre, were yesterday shuffling aimlessly up and down behind the three metal fences and rolls of barbed wire that separate them from the outside world and their dreams. Miserable scraps of clothing hang limply pegged outside grim, corrugated-iron hangars where they sleep in bunk

beds stacked three or four deep up to the ceiling. Many still repeat their threadbare tales of political and religious persecution. others who have been drafted into centres for volunteer returnees, openly admit that they came to Hong Kong in search of a higher

standard of living. Their living conditions are in many cases worse than those they left behind. Thousands of babies are born in confinement every year and know no other life. A microscopic version of New York-style gangland warfare goes on .

them more than £100 million a

year. Second, it will effectively

stop foreign competitors enter-

ing the market, good news for

several of the European state

tobacco monopolies, which are

currently losing market share to

the multinational manufactur-

ers. Third, it will remove all those frightening health warn-

ings — which smokers cannot help noticing notice despite

themselves — from the hoardings and the newspapers.

and stop manufacturers pro-

Fourth, a ban may even help

reverse the present downward

trend in consumption, as it

appears to have done in several

other countries. There are many

addictive habits — marijuana

and cocaine usage, for example

- that thrive without advertis-

ing. It is at least feasible that all

the posters and publicity reduce

the subversive glamour of ciga-rettes for the young, and

moting low tar brands.

God save the anthem

Peter Millar laments a

loss of patriotic propriety

e British like to think of ourselves as traditionalists. It is surprising, therefore, how readily we abandon our traditions. For a country that rates near the top of international patriotism polls, the playing of the national anthem on public occasions, except when the Queen is present, has become the exception rather than the rule. It was not always so.

Anyone now approaching middle age may have a copy of a classic LP by John Mayall's Bluesbreakers, the 1960s training school of rock guitarist legends, in which the maestro breaks into a tortured guitar rendition of God Save the Queen. This was not an attempt to ape Jimi Hendrix's distorted Star Spangled Banner, the Bluesbreakers had been on tour in Northern Ireland and were informed by the management at the end of one gig that it was customary to play "the Queen"; indeed that in this loyalist area it would be unwise to refuse

There was another side to the coin. When I was a teenager in Ulster it was acceptable for customers to rush out of the cinema before the national anthem began, but once it had started you stayed. Dances and discos ended obligatorily with "the Queen". A friend of mine, a singer in a second-rate rock band playing at a youth club in Conlig, a dingy village in North Down, observed bottles being brandished in the audience as the preliminary to a fight. While the bouncers rolled up their sleeves, he grabbed the microphone and burst into, "God save our gracious Queen, long live..." The pugilists froze to attention and by the time my friend was wondering whether he could remember the "knavish tricks" bit in the next verse the emotions had cooled. The dance ended early but without bloodshed, proof that even in Ulster, where patriotism can be twisted to unpleasant ends, there is still something to be

said for a sense of identity. We do not have the excuse other nations have for not singing their anthem, for all our griping about it being a dull tune. With race top of the election agenda in France there are few politicians, except for Jean-Marie Le Pen, who sing without second thoughts the line in La Marseillaise that urges "let impure blood slake the thirst of our fields".

The Russians, inevitably, have even greater difficulties. Until the second world war they did not have an anthem, making do with The Internationale. The one composed for Stalin to stir national pride in the war against Hitler is a rousing martial tune, but it ceased to be sung after 1956 until deletion of a mention of "veliky voxha" - the great leader. But now the anthem has met the fate of the country it celebrated.

The East Germans, too, were banned from singing their anthem, in their case because of a reference to a "united fatherland", which ceased being a policy alm once it was realised the West was addicted to capitalism. The West Germans ploughed on with the Deutschlandlied, written by the poet Heinrich Hoffmann von Fallersleben in 1841, but singing only the second verse about "unity and law and freedom" instead of "Deutschland liber alles." That was originally meant to be a patriotic invocation on the lines "my country before all else" but it was correctly perceived that Hitler had altered the context.

Since unification the main German television Deutschlandlied played over pastoral views. To ward off any accusations of militant nationalism one channel follows the national anthem with the choral passage from Beethoven's Ninth, adopted as the European anthem.

Post-Franco Spain has had no such difficulty: the nightly television programmes of TVE end with a high-tech spinning globe resolving into a patchwork quilt of the Spanish regions with, superimposed, the arms of the Bourbon-Parma family. For the next few minutes, to the strains of the national anthem, we are treated to a clever rotating montage of members of the royal family.

It is jolly stuff that manages to combine a sense of national identity without being offensive or kirsch. Most of us remember only too well how the BBC used to end an evening with footage of the young Queen Elizabeth on horseback at the Trooping the Colour. Perhaps the proto-republicans should take a back seat and let Auntie open the old cans to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the accession. There is nothing wrong with standing up to be counted.

The arguments for banning tobacco advertising throughout Europe are hollow, says Winston Fletcher

t first sight the arguments in favour of the European Commission's proposal to irresistible. Advertising encourages people to buy things. Cigarette advertising encourages

people to buy cigarettes. Cigarettes are bad for you. Therefore cigarette advertising

must be banned. The missing word in this argument is more. Does advertising encourage more people to buy cigarettes, or people to buy more cigarettes? The answer in both cases is no. When manufacturers advertise soaps do you wash more often? When oil companies advertise petrols do you increase your car mileage? When catfoods are advertised do you rush out and buy a cat? No. Despite the welter of new launches, competitions, give-aways, promotions, advertising campaigns and other hullabaloo, total sales of newspapers have not increased for more

than a decade. spend small fortunes on advertising because they hope to persuade people to switch brands, which is much easier.

Ifs, butts and Brussels

and so more likely to be profitable, than persuading people to do something they have never done before.

The fundamental fact is that banning cigarette advertising does not work. Advertising free China and the old Soviet Union have among the heaviest-smok-ing populations and the two biggest tobacco monopolies in the world. In Europe smoking has increased most since 1975 in Norway, Finland and Portugal. In all three countries advering has been banned for more than a decade.

In Britain, despite all the advertising, the percentage of the population that smokes has fallen by almost a third over the past 15 years, from 52 per cent to less than 37 per cent. Smoking among young people has consistently fallen, among both

males and females. None of these figures proves that the tobacco campaigns have not been persuading



voungsters to start smoking. But

they do seem to offer strong circumstantial evidence. Strong enough to convince the Canadian court that examined all the international data and declared last summer that there is no proven connection between advenising and tobacco consumption, and no proof at all that a ban on advertising results in a fall in smoking.

For many years successive reached the same conclusions.

which MEPs voted for this week becomes law we will be forced to march to a European tune.

Yet banning cigarette adver-tising may well have exactly the opposite results to those the European do-gooders intend. And the cigarette companies may eventually discover the ban

In the first place they will make a great deal more profit. Banning advertising and spons-

that a ban will enhance it. Human beings can be far more perverse than the bureaucrats in Brussels realise.

I have no vested interest in the advertising of cigarettes. As it happens, I have not handled a cigarene account for more than 20 years. I have no desire to see one single person die younger than they need. If banning tobacco advertising worked, I would be all for it but it will not. It simply foists more unnecessary European controls on us and makes those who inflict

them feel good. Nobody objects to futile moral estures as long as they do not interfere with other people's freedom. If you want to shave your head and dance along Oxford Street chanting Hare Krishna in the hope that it will bring peace and love to mankind, that is is no problem. But if you indulge in futile moral gestures at other people's expense - seifishness masquerading as selflessness - that is

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Dirty linen on the Siegfried line

Bernard Levin finds the curse of the

Wagners visited on a new generation

hakespeare had a word for it: "What? Will the line stretch out to the crack of doom?" I wrote this, in these very columns, on October 10, 1978:

With the possible exception of the House of Arreus, I cannot think of a line more dreadfully cursed, from generation to generation, than the family Waggeneration, than the family Wagner ... Richard Wagner was about as detestable as it possible for a man to be.. To the hideous warp in his own personality, he then proceeded to ally the blood of ... Cosima, a fitting consort ... for the monster himself ... Then their son, Siegfried ... the only human being in existence who could actually give both his mother and his tacher a start and a beating in the way of

both his mother and his father a start and a beating in the way of character ... There were dreadful aunits who quarrelled and denounced ... from time to time some member of the family would apply for injunctions to prevent another from entering not only the family home but the very town ... beside Richard Wagner's grave. Richard Wagner's grave. Richard Wagner's family, not a single one of loving smiles ... there had once been a hatred so intense that one of them had calmly threstened to

Why, 13 years later, do I return to this rancid stewpot? Because, believe what you will, it has actually got worse. If you have shudders, prepare to shudder them now. This time, the central figure is Wolfgang, who shared responsibility with his brother Wieland (they were the composer's grandsons) until Wieland died 25 years ago, since when the entire command has fallen to Wolfgang.

And that's the trouble, a trouble that can perhaps be measured by the fact that Wolfgang has taken out an injunetion against his own son,

Gottfried, by the terms of which Gottfried may not enter the familial home or the opera-house; Gottfried's cousin (him-self an opera director) has fallen

Winifred, Wolfgang's mother, was an enthusiastic Hitler-lover to the end of her life (her sons banned her from the theatre, but at least that was for a good reason) and Gottfried has visited Israel and spoken there about the Nazi taint that has indelibly stained the place. Such lese-Wagner was painful for Wolfgang, whence the estrangement; there has been talk in the family and outside about Wolfgang's own position via a vis Nazism (Hitler kept him out of the armed forces). I know of no anti-Semitic or Nazi comment or action on the part of Wolfgang, but with the amount of mutual hatred in the family it is not surprising that somebody in the olia podrida of Wagners would sling some of that mud, too.

There are more echoes; Wolfgang not long ago divorced his wife and married his secretary, 25 years his junior; none of our ily is convinced that he intends to hand the whole caboodle over to her in due course. Writs and injunctions are ready to fly.

Well? Can you really believe

that these poisonous shenanigans are just coincidences, rather than a case of a special gene? Many a family has a neer-dowell or even a mad grandmother in the attic, but very few have a dozen generations of rotters as well as an attic threatening to collapse under the weight of

lunatics up there.

There is a dreadful clue that points to the truth; Richard Wagner's physiognomy is so striking (just look at the chin) that once seen it can never be forgotten. If you lined up the entire surviving family of his descendants, you would see that



portrait again and again, until you begin to look nervously over your shoulder. It is most striking in the late Wieland (the grandson who had the sense to die young), but it is there in Wolfgang, too, and in other mem-bers of the tribe.

"There's no art to find the mind's construction in the face"; I have always thought Shakespeare was right. But perhaps for once he was wrong: after all, he never met a Wagner in his life. Though come to think of it, if he never met a Wagner, how did he portray them so lifelikely as Macbeth, Goneril, Regan and Titus Andronicus ("Why there they are both, baked in that pie, Whereof their mother daintily hath fed").

I have often pointed to the darkness that lurks in his operas, with the single exception of The Mastersingers; if, as 1 believe, the reason that so many people hate his music is that they cannot bear so have him tear away the veils beneath

which we hide the terrible truths about ourselves, it is no great step from that conclusion to the thought that the Wagner family must have been, and must be, closer to that unveiling than any listener to his works. And it is not impossible that Hitler, who knew Wagner's oeuvre intimately, went down into that darkness and bathed in it so long that it entered, for ever, into his infinitely corruptible soul.

Perhaps we should seek clues in the works themselves. What

about Alberich, the elemental evil, and the curse he laid upon God? But remember why he cursed; he had been cheated. The rules were clear: only he who would forswear love could seize the gold. Alberich forswore love and seized it, but it was stolen from him, and by whom? By God. That, surely, is enough

to poison all mankind, let alone a single family.

Or take Hunding, another cheated man. He returns home cheated man. He returns nome to find a stranger with his wife. She explains he was exhausted and had sought shelter, and she had obeyed the rules of hospitality. Well and good; Hunding says to the stranger "Heilig ist mein Herd: heilig sel dir mein Herd: "My hearth is hobe let." Haus!" ("My hearth is holy; let my house be holy to you.") And how is he repaid? By having his wife, stolen by the stranger, Siegmund, who (by the way) is the wife's brother. Is there not darkness in incest, too?

ut before that happens. Hunding delivers the great monologue, Ich chiechi (i-know a savage race) in which he accuses the tainted tribe on which he has avowed vengeance. On the morrow, Siegmund and Hunding must fight to the death, and they do. nund falls, and again God cheats; with a wave of his divine hand, Hunding, the avenger, falls dead.

I have wandered far from Bayreuth and its accursed family, I can't quite see Wolfgang Wagner fighting a duel. All the same, the wildes Geschlecht will never stop their internecine fighting around the Festspiel-haus, the focus and purpose of the whole Wagner darkness. If it was not there, I am convinced that In a few generations the Wagners would be ordinary people with ordinary quarrels. Though I have had some of the most wonderful experiences of my life in that poisoned place I must announce the only solution: evacuate the building, burn it to the ground, and sow the ruins with salt.



...and moreover Craig Brown

n Tuesday I confessed to an early adoration for the balladeer Engelbert Humperdinck, whose top ten hits included (or should that be "consisted of":) Release Me and The Last Waltz

I had become a fan of Humperdinck and his works in the school holidays. Many are the schoolboys who form an enthusiasm in the holidays only to regret it in term-time; I was no exception. On my return to school I boasted of my new hero. only to find myself an object of hilarity, giggled at by all ranks.

Usually, schoolboys and teachers are opposed in their likes and dislikes. Teachers like schoolboys don't. Schoolboys like chewing gum and hands in pockets; teachers don't. But the merest mention of Englebert Humperdinck united both sides

in open derision. English prep school boys are merciless types. (I know of one who, after the death of his father, was nicknamed Dad's-Dead by his friends.) Such was the massed frenzy of the anti-Humperdinck movement at my prep school that within three or four days of the beginning of the new term I had stopped singing The Last Waltz from beginning to end, even in my own mind. Instead, I was struggling to develop an enthusiasm for "Kernackers", a craze involving two heavy plastic balls on strings to be banged furiously together, to no obvious purpose. (These had taken over from an earlier. rather more rewarding, craze for

back to the manufacturer complaining of dissatisfaction, with a view to receiving a large Mars Party-Pack selection by return of post. This craze had come to an end after a representative from Mars had a quiet word with the headmaster.

By the time the next term came round, all but the most diabolic boys had forgotten my keenness for Humperdinck. I had submerged myself in more conventional fads for Swiss army knives, Tintin and Getting Off Games. Never again would I bring out my one Engelbert Humperdinck album; never again would I mime "I had the Laaaaast Waaaaaltz with Yooooo, Two Loconely Peecee-

pul Toge-e-therrr".
Yet time never entirely heals
the injuries inflicted by earlier
bosh-shots in taste. I still feel awkward on those few occasions, perhaps once every three years, when Engelbert's name comes up in conversation. Only a few months ago I was walking past the London Palladium when I saw a billboard advertising a season of concerts by him. Quite involuntarily, my pace quickened; some part of me dreaded to be seen by an old school chum so close to the name of my former hero.

Of course, I would not feel such embarrassment if there were not still a little part of me that insists upon singing along to The Last Waltz, of which it irritatingly — knows all the words. Dawdling in a bookshop the other day, I picked up a

sending half-chewed Mars Bars biography of Engelbert's stable-back to the manufacturer mate. Tom Jones, and, guided by external forces, found my hands flicking through the index to H. for Humperdinck, Engelbert. I learnt with mounting interest that, in the early 1960s, Engelbert, then just plain Gerry Dorsey, had contracted TB, spending seven months recoperating in hospital, that he once composed a song called Three Little Words for a group called The Applejacks, and that, in the words of his tour man-ager, "Eng's rather melo-dramatic. He needs to feel hittle

he's important, he needs a little bit of 'come on, Eng. do it, do it for me'." The more embarrassing one's childhood crazes, the harder they are to shake off. Only when I look at the crazes suffered by my schoolboy contemporaries do I feel any sense of comfort. For instance, Mr Charles Moore, now deputy editor of The Daily Telegraph, was a schoolboy enthusiast for the

Campaign for Real Ale, forever ranting against "that fixty commercial stuff". Mr Nicholas Coleridge, now managing direc-tor of Condé-Nast Publications, used to have a poster of a dead soldier on his wall at school with the slogan, "War — It's a Dying Business". Others and Salvador Dali on their walls, the Liverpool poets in their book-shelves. The Groundhogs on their record-players and flared Day-Glo loon-pants in their wardrobes. I am glad to say such memories make my old afflic-tions that much easier to bear.

The velvet barricades

HECKLING the Lord Chancellor may be unprecedented by solicitors' standards. But it was hardly what Arthur Scargill or any self-respecting member of the Socialist Workers' party would have rec-2,000 solicitors in support of Legal Aid yesterday resembled nothing so much as the sixth form of a minor public school on its

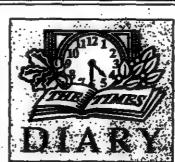
annual outing.

Anyone looking for middle class yobs on the rampage would have been sorely disappointed. No one chanted "Mackay out" and there was not a placard or banner in sight. The sole nod in the direction of militancy was an abundance of badges, discreet lapel jobs bearing the less than revolutionary slogan "Save Legal Aid".

The well-scrubbed solicions waved their leaflets, queued pa-tiently for the Coke machine in Central Hall and consumed their packed lunches of crisps, apples and orange juice with expectant glee. For some, used to dealing with unpaid parking fines, grand-mother's will and chains of housebuyers, the excitement was

intense. Then Lord Mackay rose like a headmaster to address them. The solicitors momenturily forgut they were there to protest and offered him respectful applause. Several of the bolder boys in the back row (and they were almost all boys) were soon shouting "rubbish", albeit in restrained tones. But when Mackay sat down, after effectively telling them to get lost, they politely applauded again. Judy Foy, the Law Society's par-

liamentary liaison officer, was in a flap. "This is my first mass lobby. and the police sergeant we were dealing with had a heart suzek



this morning." All will wish him a speedy recovery, but in his indis-position he need not have worried about scenes of public disorder on his patch. Nor do Norman Willis and the TUC need to hold their breath awaiting an application from a militant solicitors' trade union.

But who knows? The Law Society's Val Nathan thought that perhaps the event might give the legal profession a taste for protest.
"You can only revolutionise solicitors so far," she said with just the fairnest tinge of regret. "But this is certainly the most fun they've had

Carbundes revisited

THE OUEEN, who unlike her cldest son tends to keep her views to herself, will today discreetly enter the great architecture debate. She is to open "On The Side of The Angels?". an exhibition at the Royal Fine Art Commission that celebrates its greatest victories against assorted monstrous carbuncles, including such causes dear to the Prince of Wales asblocking a skyscraper on the site of

St George's Hospital. The question mark in the title. however, is just as well. Also championed in the exhibition is the Lloyd's building ("one of the most remarkable of the decade" accord-

ing to the commission) designed by Sir Richard Rogers, whom Prince Charles most certainly does not regard as part of the angelic host. Lord St John of Fawsley, chairman of the commission, was refusing to take sides yesterday. "The commission promotes no style or fashion, only good archi-

tecture," he says diplomatically.

The exhibition, which runs in
London until February 21 is quite wonderful - but then we would say that. "It is happening entirely due to The Times diary." says St John. "I first met Nicholas Jenkins and Stephen Blundell, who designed the exhibition, at your party last year. The whole idea arose out of that." Glad to have been of service.

best pictures as police defused the Whitehall bomb on Tuesday. Only a few ducks and a handful of astonished tourists enjoyed the rare sight of Alistair Goodlad and Tristan Garel-Jones, the government whips, forced by the disruption to walk across St James's Park in full morning dress on the way to a royal audience at Buckingham Palace to be sworn in as members of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Saint George

THE British wing of President Bush's fan club last night celebrated the anouncement that he would be running for a second term with a glittering dinner at the Hyde Park Hotel. Chris Patten, supported by Lord Whitelaw, brought fraternal greetings from the Tory party, while Bush, tied up in New Hampshire, sent along his brother William, a businessman from St Louis and at 53 the youn-

gest of the five Bushes. . .

venue for Neil Kinnock's champagne socialist ball,

Amid the earnest literary discussions at the British Book Awards this week. Sue Townsend. creator of Adrian Mole, was asked



what could be done to persuade children to read more. Give them the same things that make adults read, she suggested. Her winning formula? "Love, sex and death."

For art's sake

Mitzi McCall, the widow of the Scottish artist Charles McCall, not only opened an exhibition of her husband's work this week but used the occasion to launch her book Love Letters From an Artist at War, a delightful compilation of an old-fashioned courtship conducted from afar. She also regaled guests with tales of her husband's early struggles to sell his paintings.

When we first moved to Tite Street in the 1950s it was difficult to sell a picture, so we rented out rooms. We had artists and sculptors everywhere." But one lodger was not part of the artistic community. "In 1954 a young New Zealander rented our top floor. He had to leave because he said he couldn't cope with the rickety staircase. His name was Edmund Hil-Tonight the hotel plays host to lary. The year before he had politics of a different hue it is the climbed Mount Everest."

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After the binge, the bill. There is no justification for any rise in the European Community resources, let alone the 30 per cent by 1997 demanded yesterday in-Strasbourg by the EC president, Jacques Delors. Since the rise will need the approval of the British government, it should be refused. John Major has rightly done just that. The opposition parties should indicate their support for his stand.

The extra £14 billion money is needed, says M Delors, to pay for the expanded role for the EC that his commission cajoled ministers at Maastricht into promising: regional grants, industrial subsidies, aid to Eastern Europe and, of course, continued help to farmers. These were coated in the language of European political correctness: cohesion funds, adjustment measures, co-responsibility allowances. In reality, they were simply money sucked out of the pockets of Europe's taxpayers and into the EC's vortex of soaring expenditure. The policies underlying them were indeed agreed at Maastricht, by the British only under intense pressure. But there are other policies, such as agricultural reform, which might pay for the Maastricht aggrandisement were the EC to have the guts to implement them. Unless it does, an increase in its budget should simply be out of the question.

M Delors' approach to the EC budget is ideologically the same as that which led to his famous budget war with Margaret Thatcher in the early 1980s. He still wants steadily to expand the competence of his commission. He still sees big government as planner and initiator of European economic growth, with large transfers from private to public sectors as the lubricant of this intervention. He still sees a protected European economy as security against the evils of world free trade, whether Japanese, American or even East European. He is a Little European of impressive vigour and consistency.

However, his tactics have changed as befits an older and wiser man. Even he is tiring of the avaridous lobbies which his commission has appeased so long, not least the farmers. The increase from 1.2 to 1.37 per cent in the upper limit of the GNP ceiling may be a hostage to reckless spending but is not as high as it might have been. M Delors knows too that the old coalitions are crumbling. He knows that he can no longer. count on German money to cross-subsidise Mediterranean greed and thus ensure enough votes at Eurosummits for the EC's self-aggrandisement.

The Germans, with a foreign policy of their own to finance, are looking East and getting restive. The small rich states, Hol-land and Denmark, are becoming net contributors. M Delors' promised uplift in industrial support, as a way of cutting the proportion of his budget going to farmers, is an act of desperation. Why should the Germans or Britons pay huge subsidies to French or Italian firms to enable them to compete with German or British industries? If industrial support is on offer, let it be spent on Eastern Europe, whose recovery is patently in the interest of Western Europe's security. M Delors knows all this and must tread warily.

No such wariness is required of Britain. The £1.4 billion British annual rebate is itself hard to defend, since it was no less political a bribe to Britain than the millions paid. through EC subsidies to the Latin countries. Britain could even show its good faith by offering to put the rebate back on the table, but only as part of an overall financial reform package which would drastically reduce community spending.

As far as the budget is concerned, the case is simple and should be kept simple. The MacSharry reforms to the common agricultural policy offer no short term savings in this the biggest item of EC spending. They therefore do not stand. This is already undermining Europe's position at Gatt, provoking another political crisis within the EC. If the CAP were to be reformed, there would be no need for a higher budget ceiling. The British position on this must stay crystal clear. The next great Euro-row is entirely of

AIDING JUSTICE

The day after the collapse of the "Guinness II" trial at Southwark Crown Court, disgruntled solicitors yesterday held an unbetween the two is legal aid. The solicitors were protesting at proposals by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, to change the way criminal legal aid is calculated. Roger Seelig, a defendant in the Guinness case whose mental deterioration caused Mr. Justice Henry to abandon the trial, had been detending nimsett after being

aid at the outset. The juxtaposition highlights what is termed the "legal aid crisis". The context in which the Law Society is battling with Lord Mackay is a legal aid budget rising far faster than inflation - up 81 per cent in money terms in five years - which the Treasury understandably wants to cap. The proposed remedy is a fixed scale of fees for most cases, rather than payment for work actually done as at present. Solicitors claim this will render legal aid work uneconomic for many firms and thus deprive thousands of accused people of proper representation. They point out that much of the extra cost comes from changes introduced by this same government, for which they are not responsible.

Lord Mackay appears to be ignoring both the increased workload asked of legal aid solicitors and the extra inefficiency in court and criminal procedure over the last five years. The Police and Criminal Evidence Act now requires solicitors, usually legally aided, to be much more involved in the investigatory stages of a criminal case. The setting up of the Crown Prosecution Service has increased time wasting, such as unnecessary adjournments, in an already creaking system, compounded by such rules as that which insists a judge or a bench of lay magistrates should never be kept waiting

between cases. The Seelig case well demonstrates the result of the legal-aid bind. He was victim of an earlier attempt to restrict legal-aid costs, by means testing. He was deemed wealthy enough to pay for his own professional

defence but, given the length of the trial, could have been ruined had he done so. He chose to defend himself, but imposed on precedented mass rally in London. The link himself a strain which has now led to the collapse of his trial. Had he been properly represented, the case would no doubt have continued to a conclusion, preventing a large waste of public money.

Of all the possible changes in the way fraud is dealt with by the courts, guaranteeing legal aid would deal most cost-effectively with the sort of Drodkeni encountered in a Seelig case. If innocent, a defendant should not have to face financial ruin in order to prove it. If guilty, the defendant can be made to pay for the defence by an award of costs or by the imposition of a large fine. The denial of an adequately conducted defence to someone facing criminal charges merely to try to save public money is clearly unjust. Yet a Lord Chancellor concerned primarily with cost-cutting is unlikely to welcome the abolition of means testing in criminal cases.

His case is that legal aid is demand-led, representing an almost infinite drain on public resources, and hence must be rationed somehow, just as health, equally demandled, has to be rationed. So he wants to cap the total by capping the amount a solicitor is paid in each case. He is right about civil legal aid, where cases are initiated by private persons. The remedying of legal grievances by bringing legally-aided actions for damages is also a theoretically unlimited claim on public resources. But criminal cases are always instituted by the state. The individual does not create the demand for criminal legal aid. The state does so, whenever it creates a new criminal offence, or when a subordinate state body like the CPS decides to prosecute rather than to caution.

The Lord Chancellor must look to those factors pushing up legal aid expenditure which he can control directly, such as the wastefulness of the present procedures in the courts. And the availability of legal aid is a proper subject for the royal commission on criminal justice. He should refer the matter to the commission for advice forthwith.

ON WITH THE DANCE

Yesterday the Labour party launched its dancing policy. A more prudent body might have decided to sit this one out, and reserve its energies for the Paul Jones that is next on the card. But Labour seems to take the view that it must have a policy on everything, "even incest and folk dancing". This is all part of the phoney war for the headlines in the slow glide towards the election.

Dance is an ancient art, already old when the Israelites danced before their Golden Calf and the Bacchanal chorus line stomped down on Pentheus. Anthropologists look first at a society's dances to read its character; and autistic children and others who have difficulty expressing themselves in words can have their emotions unlocked through the disciplined abandon of dance. It is Britain's iargest participatory art form. More people dance, in styles ranging from classical ballet to highland to lambada to smooth shuffle, than sing, play music, act, paint or write. Dance is an art, worth more than the toecrushing proverb: the greater the fool the better the dancer.

Labour will seek to establish a National Dance House for the only one of the performing arts that lacks a national home. It will support a European festival of dance. It will ask the National Curriculum Council to reassess the position of dance in the school curriculum, with a possibility of making it compulsory for children aged between 11 and 14 instead of an option along with the lesser arts of gymnastics, games, athletics and adventure activities. Labour has no fewer than 15 new dancing policies. It is less prolific with new money for its policies, either for setting up the National Dance House, or through the Arts Council. He who calls the tune really should pay the piper.

If this election is going to be as close-run as the polls suggest, could dancing policy even supply the photo-finish needed to separate the parties for the lightly floating voter? A generation ago, Tory dancing policy would have been white-tie and Grosvenor-House, or at any rate hired dinner jacket and Rotary, with everybody quick-quick-slowing sedately to the tunes of a sadly outdated courting ritual. The photographs of Conservative balls these days show everybody with her shoes off and her knickers showing, be-bopping furiously with a partner whose face is glazed with drink or hist.

A generation ago Labour party dancing policy would have been Old Time. Today it is more like a students' union hop, nobody letting his left hip know what his right hip is doing. Liberal-Democrat dancing policy is solipsistic: they are those isolated individuals jiggling on the fringes of the dance-floor in a trance of self-hypnosis. Dancing is wonderful training for all sections of the electorate, as it is for women on the dance floor. It is the first and best way to learn how to guess what a man or a politician is about to do before he

does it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Spread of Aids: epidemic risks or 'pointless panic'? infection is only one. The number of gonorrhoea became endemic in local

From Professor M. W. Adler

Sir, James Le Fanu is as guilty as those he accuses of distorting the truth about Aids. His contention ("Pointless panic on Aids", February 11) that there are biological grounds to suggest that a heterosexual epidemic is unlikely ignores the facts. Vaginal intercourse accounts for 70 per cent of HIV infections in the world, and studies suggest that one in four female partners of infected men become infected themselves and one in ten male partners of infected women. Heterosexual transmission can and does occur.

The nature of the epidemic within the UK is changing. Up to 1985, 2 per cent of all HIV infections were as a result of sexual intercourse between men and women; by 1991 this had risen to 24 per cent. In the last year the number of Aids cases occurring as a result of heterosexual intercourse increased by 48 per cent and HIV by 35 per cent.

It is true that the numbers of infections are currently small, but the continuing trend upwards is disturbing. It is not possible to model the heterosexual epidemic accurately un-til we have better information on the amount of partner change occurring between heterosexuals in the UK.

However, despite this lack of data, we do know that young people are badly prepared to look after their sexual health and in particular to avoid pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, of which HIV

people, mainly young, anending clinics for sexually transmitted dis-eases has increased fourfold since the 1960s; the conception rate amongst teenagers' rises each year, and now one in three pregnancies in the UK are unplanned.

These figures indicate unprotected and unsafe sex in too many instances - a finding confirmed by a Health Education Authority survey, among others, which suggests that young. people are not concerned about safer

Finally, Dr Le Fanu refers to the work by Professor Banatvala, published in last week's Lancet, which he suggests dispels the myth of a heterosexual epidemic. It does no such thing. Dr Le Fanu fails to point out that the numbers are small - a total of 18 in the study who are positive. The fact that some of these individuals may have contracted their infection in Africa and later come to this country should not detract from the possibility of a heterosexual epidemic occurring

Classically, many diseases are ini-tially imported before they become endemic. For example, in 1983 the first infections of HIV seen in homosexual men in London were all imported as a result of infection having occurred in the United States. Likewise resistant strains of gonorrhoes initially were imported from West Africa and South-East Asia. Both HIV and resistant

Key point on teaching sex at school From Lord Robertson of Oakridge

and others

Sir, We write to press the need for realistic and frank teaching by schools on Aids. We confine our comments to the danger from sexual

On February 17, regulations made under the 1988 Education Act by Kenneth Clarke, the secretary of state for education, about science in the National Curriculum will become law. One implication of these regulations is that children from 11 to 14 will from September this year receive compulsory education about HIV and Aids.

Because of the gravity of the threat from Aids, we understand why the government wants to make teaching on Aids compulsory. However, such a move makes it all the more important that teaching on Aids should be as sound as possible. In our opinion the material being given to teachers, lecturers and youth workers by the DES, whilst it contains much that is good, falls

short of what is required.

Quite rightly, it advises against
casual sex; multiple sexual partners and sexual experimentation in risky situations. It also advises the use of condoms. (Incidentally condoms are not a footproof method of contra-

ception; it is unreasonable to expect

them to do any better as protection against Aids.) What the teaching material does not spell out clearly is that, if any two people have a sexual relationship without knowing for sure that they. are both free from HIV/Aids, they are playing with their lives. Yet this is the key point that has to be got across to all of us, at all costs.

In recent years society has grown to assume that many young people automatically have a sexual relationship as soon as they are old enough. When they do so, young people are to some extent fulfilling that assump-tion. If they are to survive the Aids epidemic, they must be taught that there is another way.

May they listen to what the World Health Organisation said recently: "The most effective way to prevent HIV transmission sexually is to abstain from sexual intercourse or for two uninfected individuals to remain faithful to one another".

The best defence against Aids is to say "No!". Yours faithfully, ROBERTSON of OAKRIDGE, McCOLL, MICHAEL ALISON, Palace of Westminster.

for the Advancement of

Arab-British Understanding

Sir, It is hard to see how "water

sharing" works to the advantage of the Palestinians (letter, February 5)

when Israel takes over three quarters

of the West Bank's water for its own

use. In the average year it is not "half

a million cubic metres of water"

which are pumped from under the

West Bank to Israel, but half a

There are, as Mr Burt Kelmach

indicates, far more Palestinian than

Israeli wells in the West Bank. The

Palestinians are gradually running

dry.as Israeli over-exploitation of the

region's resources lowers the water table. Palestinian wells are generally

about 200 metres deep, whereas the

wells sunk by Israel reach a depth of

1,500 metres and extract far more

water than their relatively small

February 10.

Favoured occupations West Bank water From the Director, Council

From Mr Douglas Verrall

Sir, My father was held in great esteem. He was a train driver, the royal driver for Southern Region on nis retirement. I pursued a career where there is little esteem, that of the secondary school teacher.

Over the last 25 years, I have seen esteem shift from the train driver and fireman to the astronaut, computer programmer and television chat

Yours sincerely, DOUGLAS VERRALL, Springfield Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex. February 7.

Sir. Favoured occupations? Yours faithfully WILLIAM BARRETT. Pip's Peace. Kenton, Stowmarket, Suffolk February 7.

From Mr William Barrett

number might suggest.
Very few Palestinians have been allowed to deepen their wells since 1967. The wells at Jiftlik, in the

Jordan valley, have run dry and the

Church 'superiority' From District Judge P. G. Hebbert Sir, As a "cradle Catholic" now in my sixties I am profoundly grateful for the Bishop of Brentwood's letter (February 7).

I was brought up to believe firmly in the superiority of the Roman Catholic church — indeed, in the virtual futility of all other religions. When I was nine years old, chance gave me a year at a school which was not a Catholic one, and I discovered for the first time that other children believed in the same God as I did. I also discovered they sang much better hymns. As a result of that year, I found as I grew up that I was not at ease with the "ecclesiological superiority" of which the bishop speaks.

In the 1960s the then Bishop of Nottingham (Dr Edward Ellis) chose me as one of a small group of Catholic laymen to take part in discussions with a group of Anglican laymen to find out what belief we had in common. Our voyage of discovery was a time of mutual astonishment

and almost unalloyed delight It was a joy to shed my superiority. It is a great sadness now to hear many of my co-religionists claim that they find all they need within the Roman church and have no wish to look outside. -

Yours faithfully PHILIP HEBBERT. 2 Manley Road, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley, West Yorkshire. From Mr Michael Murphy

Sir, For centuries the Catholic church did not imply an "ecclesiological superiority" (whatever that may mean) towards other churches; it stated frequently and unambiguously that it alone possessed the "fullness of Truth". Other Christians were our "separated brethren" to be welcomed back at such time as they accepted the claims of the church.

What appears most disturbing is the bishop's carefully-hedged claim: "Sadly some may be inclined to see the recent Vatican response to the first Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission, wrongly or rightly, as a further sign of this."

To me, this seems like a device to enable the writer to disclaim responsibility for his own unwillingness to accept the ruling of the Vatican on the outcome of the commission's discussion.

Thus apparently stands the shepherd. Is it any wonder that the sheep are confused. Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL MURPHY, . 18 Meadway, Upton, Wirral, Merseyside. February 8.

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populations within two to three years

of their initial importation.

Those attending ante-natal and sexually-transmitted disease (STD) clinics at St Thomas' are not necessarily typical of the rest of London and the UK. An area with such a high proportion of blacks would expect to see disease in black ethnic groups. At my STD clinic 1 per cent of heterosexuals are infected. The majority are white - a reflection of no more than the population we serve. I consider I per cent to be high and the potential seed-bed of a heterosexual epidemic.

The swapping of blows and facts between different camps while the jury is out will result in no action being taken. It would be a tragedy if, by believing that heterosexual transmission could not occur or while waiting to watch the epidemic evolve, we failed to educate young people on how to avoid HIV, unwanted pregnancy, and sexually transmitted discases.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL ADLER, University College and Middlesex School of Medicine, Academic Department of Genito-Urinary Medicine, James Pringle House, The Middlesex Hospital, WC1. February 11.

From the Chief Executive of the Health Education Authority

Sir, The study carried out at St Thomas' Hospital, on which Dr Le Fanu's article is based, examined only local data and could not possibly give a national or international picture. Furthermore, the findings were presented in The Lancet not as a scientific paper of significance but as a letter to the editor. They were not, therefore, subject to a peer review by fellow scientists or researchers.

Dr Le Fanu suggests that a beterosexual Aids epidemic" is a hoax. He will not find any properly informed people to agree with him. The overwhelming weight of evidence shows that the virus is spreading in this country via heterosexual as well as homosexual sex. Pretending that this is not so offers the public false security.

Dr Le Fanu speaks of an "Aids industry", and accuses the Health Education Authority of conducting a propaganda offensive. It is our responsibility to keep the public informed about the risks from HIV and Aids; we shall continue to do so, whether a small but vociferous band likes it or not:

Yours faithfully, SPENCER HAGARD. Chief Executive, Health Education Authority, Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, WC1. February 12.

villagers have to buy water from an

adjacent Israell settlement. The average amount available for domestic use per person in the region may have risen substantially since 1967, but it is not distributed on a

roughly equal basis. Israeli settlers consume a dis-proportionate amount: Jewish Kiryat Arba, for example, with a population of 5,000, uses about 80 per cent as much as neighbouring Hebron, with its Palestinian population (including surrounding areas) of 90,000. Over-all, the Palestinians receive only about 20 per cent more water than they had in 1967, although their population has increased by 50 per

Whether as farmers or as domestic users the Palestinian Arabs are being denied water in the interests of Israel and its settlers.

Yours faithfully BERNARD MILLS, Director, Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding, The Arab-British Centre, 21 Collingham Road, SW5.

February 6.

From the Very Reverend Canon

John McNamara Sir, For more than 25 years I have been a Roman Catholic participant in every sort of ecumenical enterprise: study days, joint retreats, working parties, conferences, shared works and worship, etc., at every level from parish to national. I and my many and various colleagues have willingly given much time and energy to the task undertaken with hope and trust in the spirit. But I have come to the point of having to recognise that it has all been some-

thing of a waste. We have all grown closer in understanding, respect, courtesy and charity, but I wonder whether it is not time for the Vatican to come dean and state dearly that the official view of the Roman Catholic church regarding true and full Christian unity is that the achievement of the goal demands quite simply that all other Christians become Roman Catholics who assent to the totality of the Roman church's doctrine in faith and morals, in worship and church order, and who submit to the supreme and universal jurisdiction of the Pope. It would save such a lot of time and theological sweat of the brow, to say nothing of continually dashed hopes and recurring disappoinments.

Yours sincerely, JOHN McNAMARA, 4 Chelsiter Court, 168 Main Road, Sidcup, Kent.

Rushdie cloud on ties with Iran

From Ms Frances d'Souza and Mr Ronald Harwood

Sir, Since 1989, the British government has not, in our opinion, condemned in sufficiently strong terms the fatwa against British author Salman Rushdie, nor has it repudiated the bounty offered for his murder. We remain apprehensive that the Salman Rushdie case will be removed from the British government's political agenda in its deal-ings with Iran. Furthermore, we fear that full diplomatic and economic relations between the countries may

soon be resumed. The British government has re-cently committed itself publicly to linking aid to respect of human rights and good government. The Iranian human rights record continues to be extremely poor. Despite rumours of improvement, Iran constantly flouts both its own constitutional protections for human rights and its obligations as a signatory to the International Covenant on Civil

and Political Rights. To give but one example: several of those citizens of Iran who signed an open letter to President Rafsanjani in early 1991 are still serving prison sentences of between six months and three years and have received be-

tween ten and 30 lashes. Their only crime was to ask for greater respect for human rights and for democracy in Iran. Such severe censorship not only punishes any individual who dares to question the Iranian government's policy, but also effectively conceals human

rights violations. We do not believe that such illegal threats amounting to terrorism and brutal suppression of free expression should be rewarded with the acceptance implied by full diplomatic and economic ties with Iran.

Yours faithfully, FRANCES D'SOUZA (Chairman, Rushdie Defence Committee), RONALD HARWOOD (President. English Centre, International PEN), PO Box 49, London SE1 1LX.

Leaks and thefts From Mr E. C. Campion

Sir, Your correspondent Mr Engel (February 8) sees no difference between "publishing confidential information [about the National Health Service] stolen from a solicitor's office or from the files of a ministry". The means of obtaining the documents may be equally reprehensible, but to my mind there is a world of difference between Mr Ashdown's right to a private life consistent with his personal principles and the government's apparent concealment of information

relating to the NHS, a matter of vital

concern to almost every citizen. Yours faithfully, H. CAMPION. 8 Lawn Crescent, Richmond, Surrey. February 8.

Lion logo

From Mrs Joan Davidson

Sir, It is ironic that the new logo marking the UK's tenure of the EC presidency (report, February 6) described by Mr Hurd as a "lively and intelligent lion" should be the same noble beast that forms the basis of our historic English hallmarking system that is under the threat of extinction by new EC legislation... Could it be that the poor beast is

facing the other way and seeing stars because he is in a state of shock? Yours faithfully, JOAN DAVIDSON, 105 High Street, Maldon, Essex. February 7.

Stamp myth

From Mr R. Verrells Sir, The designer of the 10-leone postage stamp has, as Mr Mackay points out (letter, February 8), advanced the date of issue of Mrs Miniver. He has compensated for that by depicting an aircraft fitted with a four-bladed airscrew, a later pattern than those seen in the sky during the period of the film. This is consonant with the slips in My Fair Lady to which Mr Vickers draws attention in the adjacent letter.

Yours faithfully, R. VERRELLS, 69 Torwood Lane, Whyteleafe, Surrey. February 9.

Money-go-round From Mr Rowland Morgan

Sir. A French host requires a FF500 (roughly £50) down payment to reserve private accommodation. Barclays Bank offers me an international money order at a cost of Ell. A banker's draught costing £7 can be drawn only in sterling or US dollars. A Eurocheque needs special facilities. I buy French cash at a charge of £1.76 and reluctantly mail it. So much for Maastricht

Yours faithfully, ROWLAND MORGAN. 22 Lebanon Park, Twickenham, Middlesex. February 7.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 12: The Duke of Edinburgh, Grand Master. this morning visited the Chapel of The Order of The British Empire, St Paul's

Cathedral. His Royal Highness, President, the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, later presented the Better Environment Awards for Industry at the Society's House, John Adam Street,

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance. The Prince Edward, Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Diary Committee, today gave a Lunch for the Committee at Buckingham Palace.

The Princess Royal this morning arrived at Royal

Air Force Northolt from Albertville. The Hon Mrs Louisudis

was in attendance. Her Royal Highness, Hon-orary Member of Lloyd's, this evening attended a Lloyd's Dinner in aid of the Children in Cities Appeal at Whithread Brewery, Chiswell Street, London EC1.

Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE February 12: The Duchess of Kent, Controller Commandant, accompanied by The Duke of Kent, this evening attended the Women's Royal Army Corps' Farewell Regimental Dinner at Guildhall. London EC2.

Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell and Captain the Hon Tom Coke were in attendance.

Dinners

Gray's Inn Lord Shawcross, QC, was the guest of honour and speaker at a house dinner held last night at Gray's Inn to mark his 90th highdray (Fahnrag 4). The Lord birthday (February 4). The Lord Chief Justice and Mr Richard

Stone, QC, treasurer, also spoke.

Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Professor W. Bonfield, Professor J.W. Bridges and Dr M.J. Cleare were the speakers. Among others

present were: parameter with the partners of the partners of Merrington. Lord Retrivite, Sir Austin Holes. Sir Robert Honspearabe, Sir John Masten, Mr G Wardell, Mr, and Mr R.K.A. Walkshing.

Lord Bottomicy Lord Bottomicy, President of the Westminster branch of the British Institute of Management, enterained fellows and members of the Institute and their guests at dinner last night at the House of

The Cheltenham Ladies' College

The Cheitenham Ladies' College has awarded the following En-trance Scholarships for 1992:

Farthum.

Burnary Awards (Dey): Arma Bowles,
Farery Grammar School, Chebrenham,
Lindsey Tilling, Parer Grammar
School, Chebrenham.
Upper Cottege 5 — Innernal Scholarships for the Sinth Form: Shenila
Bhattessa, Fauconberg House:
Chermaine Hu, St Helan's Rouse.

Service dinner

7/10th Rainch Regiment Brigadier J.P. Randle, President of the Baluch Officers' Dinner Club, presided at a dinner held last night by former officers of the 7/10th Baluch Regiment at the Army and Navy Club to mark the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Pa-an in Southern Burms.

Royal College of Surgeons of England Sir Terence English, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, was host at the hienrial Buckston Browne dinner held last night at Lincoln's Inn Fields. Dr Kenneth Calman, Chief Medical Officer, Mr William Hederman, President of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, and Mr Adrian Marston, senior vicespoke.

Electronic Components Industry Federation Mr Michael Alderson, Chairman of the Electronic Components
Industry Federation, presided at
the annual dinner held last night
at the Savoy Hotel. Mr Michael
Howard, QC, Secretary of State for Employment, was the prin-cipal guest and speaker.

Crabtree Foundation Professor Poter Armour delivered a lecture in the Crabtree Founda-tion after the annual dinner held last night at University College London. Dr Alan Huggins. Director of Administrative Ser-

Sherborne School

The following Scholarship Awards have been made for September 1992:

School, Music Awards
First Scholarship: Ruth Rugars,
Sherborne School for Gitls.
Second Scholarship: Polly Hewason,
Sherborne School for Gitls.
Exhibitors: Louise Senned, Castle
Court Farsh Ismail, Sherborne School
for Gits: Mary Purcel, Therborne
School for Gitls, Marie-Reinis Sweeting, Winchester House.

Tonbridge School

Music Scholarships for 1992 have been awarded to the following:

Luke Streatfeld, Hidden Grange School, Toubridge: Timothy Nerves, Nove Hill School, Thubridge Wells: Thomas Jackson, Dulwich College: Preparatory School, Dulwich: Lerency Clack, The Judd School, Toubridge: Thomas Riccoder, Vinehall School, Robertbridge: Alexander Taylor. The New Bescot. Sevenous.

for Girls

Inner Temple

Duke of Edinburgh entrance scholarships, which defray the cost of admission to the Irm and Call to the Bar, have been awarded to the following-

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Hunter, physiolo-gist and surgeon, East Kilbride, 1728; David Allan, painter, Allon, 1744; Lord Randolph

Churchill, statesman, Blenheim

Palace, 1849: Feodor Chaliapin, bass singer and actor, Kazan, Russia, 1873: Georges Simenon,

creator of Maigret, Liège, 1901.

DEATHS: Catherine Howard, fifth wife of Henry VIII, executed, London, 1542; Benvenum Celini, sculptor and goldsmith, Florence, 1571; Cotton Mather, Purian and writer, Boston, Mather, 1728

Massachuseus, 1728,
The accession of William III and
Mary II, 1689. The massacre of
the Macdonalds by the Campbells at Glencoe, 1692.

connain. Michael Read. Sarah J Hichardson, einze Fanker, Oliver C i Sarahy, Adrian Speck. Nigel Stovenson. Artherist Full, Paul J Thompson, Ontiel E Triesland, Adhar E Triller, Martine I Trigiller-Davey, Ambory E Treaten, Nicholas Tucker. Andrew R Warnock, Debornai J Warnes, Barrat M Warnock, tichard Wormaid.

University news

Strathclyde Honorary degrees are to be conferred on the following: DUniv: Lord Forte, Chairman of Trusthouse Forte: the Most Rev Thomas Winning, Archbishop of Glasgow, Mr Tom Johnston, university treasurer, Profesor Jan Krysinski, Rector of the Technical University of Lodz

DSe Professor Malcolm Perguson-Smith, FRS, professor of pathology. University of Cambridge.

DEATHS

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, gets in tune with the Funky Beehive band yesterday when the Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland and the Prince's Trust launched a £50,000 youth initiative scheme aimed at the community called "Make a Difference". Cardinal Basil Hume attended the launch at Inter-Church House, Lambeth

Throwing new light on Roman erotica

Archaeology

· BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A REPORT on the important excavations at Ashkelon in Israel has been published with a "tear-out" section onerotic oil lamps. The move, by the Biblical Archaeology Review, to a readers' poll in which half the respondents voted for the material to be omitted or made easily

Ashkelon, a city occupied from Canaanite times until the Crusades, has yiekled many notable finds, including a silver calf possibly associated with the worship of Baal and a Phoenician dogs' cemerery with 700 burials. Nothing to date has aroused. the same degree of reaction as the proposal to publish the Roman lamps.

Fragmentary and eroded,

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before tux paid): Mr Bernard Guster Ales Hasleley, £533,281, Great Mr David Cargill, of

Mr Charles Edward Clouston, of Bognor Regis, West ___6659,709 Albert Benjamin Con Sutton. Cambridge-5503,242.

Mr Allan Hickson, of Barnton, Mrs Marion Agner Irene Hill, of Bampton, Oxfordshire. \$558,068.

need close accutiny. "Depictions of sexual acts have been

found on lamps in every major Roman city in Pales-tine, even Jerusalem," Profes-

sor Lawrence Stager says

Dating from the second and

third centuries, they illustrate the Roman belief that both

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liaisons were permissible so long as they did not disrupt

the hierarchy of power and

The report, Ashkelon Discovered, includes two pages of readers' comments on the

assorted biblical texts to sup-

port the case against

Helen Elizabeth Louise Koch, of Brighton, East Sussex... £595.813. Mrs Huldah Elizabeth Moorhead, of Godalming, Surrey 5833,233.

Birthdays today

TONY WHITE

Mr Michael Attenborough, executive producer, Royal Shake-speare Company, 42; Dr D.V. Auerton, former chairman; Foseco Minsep, 65; Miss Caroline Blakiston, acress, 59; Mr Liam Brady, footballer, 36; Professor Derek Burke, vice-chanellor, University of East Anglia 62; Earl Cadogan, 78; Dr J.P. Clayton, former Apothecary to HM Household at Windsor, 71: Miss M.E. Collins, former ma-tron-in-chief, QARNNS, 65; Mr Ted Croker, former secretary and chief executive. Football Associ-

ation, 68. Mr Garein Davies, group third cutive. Glynwed International. 62: Baroness Flather, 58: Dr D.G. Hessayon, horticultural and agricultural author, 64: Professor Lord Lewis of Newtham, 64: Lord Manners, 69: the Earl of Moray, 64: Miss Kim. Novak, actress, 59: Mr Leonard Pascoe, cricketer, 42: Lord Peyton of Yeovil, 73: Lord Pym, 70: Mr Oliver Reed, actor, 54; Miss Margaretta Scott, actress, 80: Mr George Segal, actor, 58: M Jean-Jacques Sérvan-Schreiber, author and politician, 68: Dr Donald Sykes, former principal, Mans-field College, Oxford, 62.

The Queen will hold an investi-ture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00; and, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the Retrospective Exhibition of the Royal Fine Art Commission, St.

James's Square, at 3.00. The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron and Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, will attend a reception at Municipal Mutual Insurance, 22 Old Queen Street, SW1, at 12.05; and, as Patron of the Sail Training Association, will attend a dinner at Trinity House at 7.00 to mark the silver jubilec of the schooner Sir Winston Churchill.

Lecture

The Lord Mayor, Chancellor of the City University, accompanied by Mr T.J.C. Crocker, Muster of the Engineers' Company, and Professor R. Franklin, vice-chancellor of the university, presided at the company's Third Bridge lec-ure delivered by Sir Graham Day at the university yesterday.

King's College -London

The Archbishop of Canterbury will visit King's College London today as the College's Official Visitor. Dr Carey will meet staff and 'students of the College and give the address at a service in the chapel.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.A. Colato and Miss L.E. Lilley The forthcoming marriage is announced between Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs M.R.H.

of the late Mr Robin Cubits.
of Coolbawn, Nenagh, Co
Tipperary, Ireland, and Mrs John
Wauchope, of The Orchard,
Crockfords Road, Newmarker,

Colato, of Highgate, London, and Luise, daughter of Mr G.E. Lilley and the late Mrs B.E. Lilley. Mr M.E. Cabite and Miss M.M. Hay The engagement is announced between Mark Edward, eldest son

Hampshire.

Mr LV.T. Dodson

and Miss N. Ingram

Ingram, of Enniskillen.

Captain A.V. Houlton and Miss F.J. Mackinder

Mr R.J. Holliday
and Miss R.J. Rigby
The marriage will take place on
March 21, of Richard, son of Sir
Frederick and Lady Holliday, of
Inglismaldie, and Rachel Jayne,
elder daughter of Mr and Mrs
Neville Rigby, of Durham City.

The engagement is announced between Andrew Victor Houlton,

Army Air Corps, eldest son of Colonel and Mrs A.E. Houlton, of

Bowerchalke, Wilchire, and Fiona Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs. J.D. Mackindes, of

Tyrrells Wood, Leatherhead,

and Mins A.R. Hutton
The engagement is amnounced between John David, only son of Mr and Mrs J.T. Jones, of

Allerton, Liverpool, and Amelia Rachel, eiden daughter of Mr Denis Neville-Rotherham, of Auckland, and Mrs Barbara H.

Hutton, of Bombay Hills, New

Dr J.D. Jon

Today's royal engagements

Prince Edward will attend a inncheon at 84 Eccleston Square, SWI, at 12.30 in aid of the British Paralympic Association and will attend the 40th anniver sary Maple Leaf ball at Grosveno. House at 8.00.

The Princess Royal, as Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment), will visit the 1st Battalion at Fort George, Inverness, at 10.25.

Buckingham Palace Luncheon

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh held a luncheon party yesterday at Buckingham Palace.

of readers comments on the poll. "The age of the material does not render it non-porno-graphic," commented, one "no" voter, while another wanted "a perioration facili-tating removal". Half cited

Engineers' Company

Mr B.D.J. Kent and Miss F.L. Kayll The engagement is announced between Benjamin, elder son of Commander Richard Kent. RN. and Mrs Kent, of Cheltenham, and Fiona, daughter of Dr and Mrs Jeremy Kayll, of Farnborough, Hampshire.

Mr P.M. Neligan and Miss K.J. Holroyd The engagement is announced between Patrick, son of Mr and Mrs Timothy Neligan, of Esher, Surrey, and Katherine, daughter

of Mr and Mrs John Holroyd, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire. Mr S.G. Parroll

Suffolk, and Melissa Mary, only daughter of Major and Mrs Charles Hay, of Boldre, and Miss V.A. McFall The engagement is announced between Simon Gerald, only son of Rev Canon and Mrs G.A. The engagement is announced between Luke, youngest son of Colonel and Mrs K. Dodson, of Meopham, and Nicola, third daughter of Mr and Mrs W.H. Lucrom of Engicibles. Parrott, of Wimbledon, London, and Valerie Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.R. McFall, of Hooley. Surrey.

My S.C. Smith and Miss B. de Malestroll de Bruc

The engagement is announced between Stephen, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Adrian Smith, of Cheltenham. Gloucestershire, and Beatrice, daughter of the Court and Countess Jean de Malestroit de Bruc, of La Noe, Loire. The wedding will take place

Mr S. Taylor and Miss E.L. Cowling The engagement is announced between Simon, only son of Mr beween Station, only son of Mrs and Mrs Peter Taylor, of Carmon Downs, Corrovall, and Emma Louise, only daughter of Mrs Jane Cowling, of Titchfield, Hampshire, and the late Captain'

David Cowling, Royal Navy. Captain A.A.Mci., Young and Miss S.M. Wheatley The engagement is announced between Alastair Angus McLeod, elder son of Mr and Mrs LMcL. Young, of Royston, Hertfordshire, and Sara Margaret, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs C.M. Wheatley, of

Mr David Nicholas Ramsay Lathana, QC, to be a Justice of the High Court, assigned to the Queen's Bench Division.

Mr Christopher Robert Hum-phrey Ask to be a full-time Chairman of industrial Tri-

bunals, from February 10, assigned to the Southampton

Appointments

Legal

Lasest appointments include:

professor of clinical pharmacology at Newcastle University, to be Chairman of the Comprises Safety of Medicines, from next January, He will succeed Profes-sor William Asscher.

Profesor David Poswillo, profes-sor of oral and manifolacial surgery at Guy's Hospital, to be Chairman of the Committee on Dental and Surgical Materials, from January, after the retirement of Professor Colin Berry:

Professor D. E. N. Davies, Vice-Chamcelor of Loughborough University, to be Chairman of the Defence. Scientific Advisors Council, in succession to Profes-

sor Sir John Cadogen. Dr Katin Herbet to be Director of

the Centre for Policy on Ageing, on February 17, in succession to Dr Eric Midwinter.

Regular The following to be reach SOUTH EASTERN CLRCUIT MY J D R Adams (negistrar of Civil Appeals, Mr R A Anelsy, Mr R A Brylis, Mr R E P Carlla, Mr J R Chertyman, QC, Mr W Clegg, QC, Mr J Mr M M, Cruth, Mr F M Doggmu, Mr D J Mr J M Doggmu, Mr D J Mr J M Doggmu, Mr D J Mr J M Doggmu, Mr D J Chrystain, QC, Mr W Clerg, QC, Mr P B Cowell, Mr M M Christi, Mr D M Dodman, Mr R A M Doggam, Mr D M Evans, QC, Mr H A Goothey, QC, Mr D Greenfell, Professor D J Hayron, Mr J Holl, Mr E A D Horriby, Mr M Huckey, Mr D G A Jackson, Mr J Mr M Huckey,

A C LONGMORE, QC, Mr C C Markey, QC, Mr D L Mackie, Mr N F Merriman, QC, Mr C Morris-Cooks, Colonel A P Norris, Professor D S Peaci, Mr B J P Wisesidy, Mr J Perry, QC, Mr M A Mckering, QC, Mr M A Mickering, QC, Mr M F F finishell, Mr G K Sanlary, QC, Mr M J S Seonlil, Mr A W F Sharp, Mr D W Sheet, QC, Mr A W Statenson, Mr B J Weylen, WESTERN CIRCUIT Mr J C Greenwood, Mr B Harvey, Mr A O Palmer.

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

The following have been elected fellows of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh: John Thomson, of Glasspow Lewrence John Phanels Youket, Francis William Smith. Abendeen: Terrice Harold Pringle. Dunder: Bernt Oskar Henry Hyndra. Swoden: Ma Ma Cyl. Burnsk: Zaki Janul Penroky, Iraq.

M Emmanuel de Margerie

Requiem Mass in memory of M Emmanuel de Margerie, GCVO, Ambassadeur de France, Ambassador to the Court of St James's celebrateri, at Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, Leicester Square, London, WC2H 7BP, on February 19,

As for the, I trust in your unfailing love, my heart will rejoice when I am brought to MARKET Plants 13 . 5 (REB)

BIRTHS AL-SAMARRAE February 5th, at the Hu CARR - On February (Oth, to Katharine-Jane (K. J.), (née Hubbard) and Philip, a Gaughter, Susannéh Claire,

CLIFTON - On February 10th FOOKS On February 10th to Sarah (nee Davenport) and Tim, a daughter, Peggy Elizabeth

GOODBODY - On February 8th 1992, to Sarah (nee Hanson) and Justin, a daughter, Lucy Frances HIERERT + On February 7th. at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Tost and Vanesta, a daughter, Rosemiranda Delavay Sicul Exspectata Amabitur

6th. to Vicky mee Bryant and Ben, a son. Jake Andrew Reynolds. a brother for Timothy. Jonathan and HUNTER - On February 11th

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KULAUI - On Frorumy Sth. at the Humana Hospital Wellington to Galal and Nazek, a daughter, Noor, Mecoglia Ack. On February 10th, at The Humana Hospital Wellington, to Alan and Alison, a son, Thomas Alan.

MORRIS - On February 4th, to Anna (nee Joubert) and Rob, a son, John Edward. ORMEROD On February Siln at BMH Hanover, to Jessica time Morriss and Jonathan, a son, William Donulate Henry

SIMON - On February 10th 1992, to Flona (née Siewart) and Christopher, a son. Oliver Joe. 61b Soz. SUNNUCKS On February and John, a daughter, Isabel. TITE On February 11th 1992 to Liginda mee Stade) and Christopher, a second son Oliver Henry Charles YEATES - On January 20th. to Alice thee Gardiner Hill)

SARRY - On February 11th 1992. prescriptly in Winchester, in his 94th year. Hubset Wyndham. Commander H.N., dair bushand of Violet, los of Getter and grand father. Funeral Service at Southampton Crematorium (East Chapel) on Monday February 17th at 12 Noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Exservices Mental Westare Society, c/o Jno. Steel & Son. Chesti House. Winchester.

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FUTTERFELD On February
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home in Frinton-on-Sea.
Veronica iBabri aged 91.
Widow of Robin and loved
mother of Elizabeth and
Tricka Beloved grandmother
"BooBoo" to Belinda.
Penny, Carof. Robert. Gall
and Stephen. Much loved by
her 8 great grandchildere.
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Catholic Church on Friday
February 14th at 9.15 am.
Privale cremation at Wieeley

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CHANBON - On February,
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West Childington, Mary
Kathieri, loving wife of the
late Derrick, Funeral
Service, 2pm op Monday
February 17th 1992 at
Worthing Crematorium,
Flowers can be sent to H.D.
Tribe Ltd., 130 Broadwater
Road, Worthing, tet: 0903
234516 or donations can be
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sent to Age Concern. Astrel House. 1268 London Road. Norbury. London SW16 4ER

COOKE - On February 8th, peacefully at Vorus Vean Farm, St. Nes. Cornwall, Francis George, aped 80 years. Funeral Service on Thursdey February 13th, at 3.20 pm in Trelawny Chapet. Penmoust Crenatorium. Truro. Donations in place of flowers in British Heart Foundation. any engulithe to The Funeral Director. Paul Sherris of H. Rephenson 4 Sun. Indiord Place. S. Iven. 0730. 796663.

CORRETT - On February 7th 1992, George (Geoff) of Weston Park, Balth Greatly missed by Pal and all the Lamily Funeral private.

DEAM - On February Bin. peacefully at home. Duicle May. Much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. 1EGGAT - On 11th February 1992, peacefully in hospital. Jenny, wife of the late Hugh Logat and dearly loved mother of Jan. Molra and

DEATHS DOUBLAS-MAIN - On February 11th, 1992 at horoe, keith John Sholto, aged 60 years, after a brave light against cancer, adored tunbant of Shirley, much loved father of James and Lucy and brother of Bruce and Stewart. Private family furieral, Memorial Sarvice in London to be amounted.

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METAXAS — On Tuesday.
February 11th. Dorothy.
beloved wife of the late
Platon Metaxas, dearly loved
mother of Penelope and
Sylvia. grandmother. Privale
family funeral at 32 Peter's
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Interment at a later date in
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OBITUARIES

THE DUKE OF MONTROSE

years later under the auspices of the

Dominion party, precursor of the Rhodesian Front His attitude to

Africans was clearly expressed in a

document which he submitted to the

1960 Monckton Commission en-

quiring into the constitution of the

Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasa-

land, which he entitled "Factors

Affecting African Psychology that should be Considered when Con-

templating Widening Spheres of African Advancement". In this he

wrote: "It is a common observation

that the African child is a bright and promising little fellow up to the age

of puberty, which he reaches in any

case two years before the European.

He then becomes hopelessly inadequate and disappointing and it is

well-known that this is due to his

almost total obsession, henceforth,

in matters of sex. Whatever the

reason for this most disappointing

state of affairs, the phenomenon is

recognised by practically every

Montrosehad no difficulty in rising to political prominence in Rhodesia. joining the cabinet in 1962. Three

years later, when Harold Wilson, then prime minister, visited Salis-

With views such as these,

The 7th Duke of Montrose, former Rhodesian Front cabinet minister and signatory to the Unilateral Declaration of Independence, died on February 10 aged 84. He was born in London on May 2, 1907.

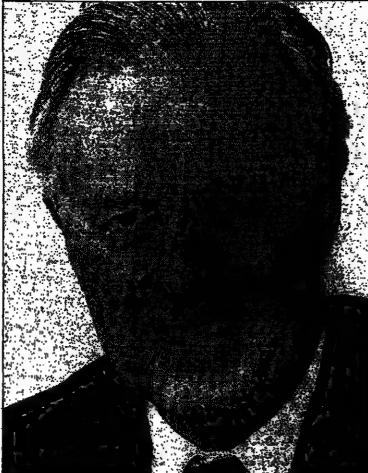
SOME white Rhodesians who supported Ian Smith's unilateral declaration of independence from Britain favoured the appointment of the Duke of Montrose — or Lord Graham as he was better known in Africa — as "Regent" of an independent Rhodesia. In Britain there were calls for him to be prosecuted for treason and dispossessed of his land in Scotland, if not actually executed as had happened to his illustrious Royalist ancestor, the 1st Marquess of Montrose, in 1650.

As the head of one of Scotland's

most ancient families and a member of the Rhodesian Front government, he played a prominent role in the drama of the white rebellion. He flew to London in 1959 to defend the Salisbury government's policies in his maiden speech in the House of Lords and was one of the four Rhodesian Front ministers closest to Ian Smith when the break with Britain was made in 1965. As the senior peer in Rhodesia he had some appeal as a figurehead among those anxious to retain a semblance of British tradition while prolonging for ever white rule in Africa. A large shambling man with an aristocratic eccentricity and a disarming charm, he was an unabashed white supremacist given to warning darkly of the dangers of communist infiltration of western civilisation and sexual subversion among the young, while lauding the innate superiority of whites over blacks. Eventually he proved to be too right wing even for the Rhodesian Front.

Montrose had the rare distinction of being a member of two parliaments: having inherited his father's titles in 1954 he sat in the House of Lords as Earl Graham; four years later he was elected a member of parliament for Hartley-Gatooma in the federal assembly of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. He served the government in Southern Rhodesia as minister of agriculture, lands and natural resources (1962-63) and minister of agriculture (1964-65). After UDI, Ian Smith made him minister of external affairs and defence (1966-68).

At his birth, James Angus Graham was helr to a series of ancient tides — Duke of Montrose, Marquess of Graham and Buchanan, Earl of Kincardine, Viscount Dundaff, Baron Aberuthyen, Mugdock and Fintrie. He spent much of his childhood at Brodick Castle on the Isle of Arran, where he learned to speak the Gaelic with



which he was sometimes enclined to serenade fellow Rhodesians at late. night parties in Salisbury years later. He was educated at Eton, where Lord Hailsham was among his contemporaries, and Christ Church, Oxford; and he boxed for both Eton and Oxford. After a spell in the RNVR he went out to Southern Rhodesia as an agronomist in 1931 and settled there, using the title Earl Graham.

Farming 20 miles north of Salisbury, the capital, he pioneered the import of hump-backed Brahmin beef cattle into Rhodesia and developed his reactionary views on the mental and physical superiority of the white races, at one time peppering the local press with letters on the subject of the "dark savage depths" of the African mind.

On the outbreak of the second

world war he rejoined the RNVR and served in destroyers involved in me evacuations of Greece and Crete. Laser he commanded the Ludlow on convoy duty.

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convoy duty.

Back in Southern Rhodesia after the war he fought his first parliamentary election in 1953 for the Confederate Party, which was to the right of the right wing Dominion

particularly in relation to the physical gestures with which she displayed her charms while dancing and her inability to master such a technique of the art as related to bumps, grinds and other advances of modern terpsichorean technology. How she was trained in these arts was dramatically recounted by Lord Graham who found it necessary to the point of his story to act the part in full with every gesture carried out by his enormous frame. Each time he went into one of the motions of the dance, he brushed his. capacious frame against my face. Although I am normally tolerant, I found myself unimpressed by his performance." Montrose himself maintained that he did not perform a solo dance "though as a raconteur I no doubt swayed in sympathy with the lady's problems." As a politican Montrose was re-

garded as unorthodox, even by Rhodesian standards. At a Christian
crusade in Salisbury on one occasion he told his audience how the
Beatles, international finance
groups, colonial freedom movements and student agitators were all
agents of a communist plot to
achieve world domination. "Long
before the Beatles and pop music
began to affect our youngsters, I
noticed how rhythm affects the Africans," he said. "Tired people, having worked all day in the fields,
would be enticed into dancing to the
beat of drums all night long until
they were absolutely exhausted. This
is the danger for young people. They
can be completely confused by the
power of rhythm. When they are
exhausted almost anything can be
planted in their minds."

independence rebellion, Montrose

was called upon to entertain him at

a dinner at Ian Smith's official

residence. Recalling the incident in

his memoirs, Wilson wrote:: "I for-

bear recounting his story. Suffice it

to say that it was about an American

girl who was not a very good dancer,

Despite such views he insisted that he, and other whites in Rhodesia, had great faith in Africans, evidenced by the fact that they entrusted their wives and children to their care and lived among them in the remote bush.

Both before and in the immediate aftermath of UDI, as Ian Smith attempted to reach a settlement with Britain, Montrose's aristocratic connections in the mother country were highly regarded by the Rhodesian Front leader. Just before the final breach Montrose entertained his prime minister to dinner where they are grouse sent from Scotland by Montrose's sister. Lady Jean Pforde. Noting that it was likely to be their last such meal for some years, the

heather in which the grouse had been packed into their lapels and wore it back to the Rhodesian parliament.

.But differences developed between them over the goal they were seeking. Montrose, together with William Harper, the minister of internal affairs, was opposed to Smith's proposal of a constitutional solution that would have involved an interim multi-racial parliament. He advocated an apartheid-style constitution which would have ensured white supremacy for all time. The Harper-Montrose proposals were narrowly defeated at the Rhodesian Front party congress in September 1968 and immediately afterwards Montrose resigned from the govern-ment citing his differences of opinion with the prime minister. His departure was seen as an attempt to crystallise opposition to Mr Smith from right wing elements but, although he was a respected and popular figure in the white commu-nity, he lacked the heavyweight pol-itical capabilities to mount a leadership challenge in his own right. In the event, the right wing threat to Ian Smith's leadership was doomed to failure. Montrose remained a member of the Rhodesian Front and a member of parliament until the next election. In 1972 he led a "palace revolution" at the Rhodesian Front party congress, on the grounds that it was undernocratic for one man to be both prime minister and party president. Right-wingers nominated him for the post of party president but, after satisfying himself that the majority of delegates were solidly behind the prime minister, he withdrew his name. During the 1970s Montrose made several attempts to visit Brit-ain, particularly for the weddings of two of his children, but the government refused to lift the ban it had placed on him at the time of UDI.

In 1979, with majority rule and independence looming, he left Rho-desia to settle in Natal, South Africa. His 16-year exile from Britain finally ended in 1980 when he returned to celebrate his 73rd birthday in Scotland. Rhodesian Front rule having been replaced by majority rule in what was now Zimbabwe, the voices that had called for Montrose to be charged with treason were this time silent and he was able to escape the fate that befell the 1st Marquess of Montrose. Indeed he returned to the House of Lords and spent his last years peacefully in Kinross. He had a son and daughter by his first marriage to Isobel Sellar, which was dissolved in 1950 and two sons and two daughters by his second marrage in 1952 to Susan Gibbs. His heir is his eldest son, James

MUHAMMAD SHABAN

Professor Muhammad Shaban, former head of the department of Arabic and Islamic Studies at Exeter University, died in Cairo on February 6 aged 65. He was born on November 16, 1926.

MUHAMMAD Shaban's

early life was as colourful as his personality. A graduate of the Egyptian Military College, he fought in the Arab-Israeli war of 1948 and claimed that he briefly became the unofficial "governor" of Gaza. After the 1952 coup which deposed King Farouk, Shaban befriended General Neguib, who became the country's first postcoup president. After Shaban left the army and graduated with first class honours in Oriental languages from Ayn Shams University in Cairo in 1954, he led student opposition against Gamel Abdul Nasser and in favour of Neguib. This led to his being offered a choice of prison or government service. He chose a third option, the Middle East Centre at Harvard University, where he received his PRO. Thus the army and student

politics led him to the academic world in which he spent the remainder of his active life. After Harvard; Berkeley, California; the University of Riyadh; St Andrews and the School of Oriental and African Studies of London University, he went in 1971 to Exeter University. In the meantime he had become a recognised expert on Islamic history, notably the Abbasid period, with several books to his credit. His phenomenal recall of medieval primary sources made him a hard man to confront in academic arguments.

Although first appointed only to a lectureship in the department of theology at Exeter, Shaban — mainly through force of personality

— built up the new independent and thriving department of Arabic and Islamic Studies. In 1979 he was appointed to a personal chair. Thanks to his successful fundraising and indomitable drive, he also created, in 1978, the postgraduate Centre for Arab Gulf Studies, the only institution of its kind in Britain, perhaps in the whole world. The department and the centre now comprise one of the best known Middle East centres in Britain.

Shaban's buccaneering modus operandi made him no stranger to controversy



and he did not shrink from it. He was one of those powerful personalities who excites strong emotions both ways. He had his detractors and his blunt, outspoken manner, remarkable in someone of Middle East origin, did nothing to soothe ruffled academic feathers. By contrast, he was convival, humorous and a delightful companion.

Shaban has bequested an enduring legacy to Middle Eastern studies in this country and his efforts have broadcast the reputation of Exeter University throughout the region, particularly in the Arabian Gulf.

His wife, Bessie, and their only son survive him.

ISABEL RAWSTHORNE

Isabel Rawsthorne, designer, painter and model, died at Little Sampford, Essex, on January 26 aged 79. She was born in July, 1912.

MANY more people may know the face and character of Isabel Rawsthorne than know her name; for not only was she painted by Derain and Picasso, and sculpted by Epstein and Giacometti, but also from the 1950s she was friend and model to Francis Bacon. In his great retrospec-tive exhibition in Paris in 1971, the triptych of studies of Isabel stood out for the affectionate warmth revealed behind Bacon's usual flaying ruthlessness. Since then, she has become one of the most profoundly scrutinised human subjects in Western art.

Isabel Nicholas was born to a sea-captain who subse-



Portrait by Derain

quently became a Mersey pilot. She attended Liverpool School of Art before going on to the Royal Academy School, London, which she soon left, finding it artificial. She took employment as assistant and model to Jacob Epstein, whose lively bust of her was exhibited at the Tate Gallery.

In 1934 Isabel went to Paris to study in the life classes at La Grande Chaumière, paying her way by posing for Derain — whose portrait of her is now in the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge — and for several other artists including Giacometti, whose bust of her and a drawing are now in the Sainsbury Centre at Norwich, and who became a friend, along with his wife and brother Diego. Picasso painted her, too, from memo-

ry. In 1935 she married the journalist Sefton Delmer, a foreign correspondent who took her on assignment to the Spanish Civil War, then to Poland and France. On each occasion she left the war zone at the 11th hour. During the second world war Delmer became head of what would now be called disinformation, at Bletchley Park, and Isabel contributed to the department by designing propaganda leaflets and forging documents.

Divorcing in 1946, Isabel was proposed to by Constant Lambert, whom she had already met in Paris and who was in a low state — sad, sick, lonely and alcoholic Isabel brought companionship, if not moderation to his drinking and restored his zest for life. In 1947 they married, living in a happy if shambolic household with two pianos for him and a studio for her in Albany Street off Regent's Park. They collaborated in 1951 on the ballet Tiresias, with Constant's music, Ashton's choreography, and Isabel's sets. Marriage to Constant also brought her a stepson, the wayward, ebullient Kit, who became entrepreneur of the rock group "The Who", though she saw

little of him. Lambert died in 1951 of a surfeit of alcohol (and perhaps the artistic failure of Tiresias). Isabel subsequently married, in 1954, Alan Rawsthorne, composer and the most loyal companion of Lambert. They took a cottage in Essex, maintaining a convivial, bohemian social life. Isabel followed up Tiresias by designing for Covent Garden. under the name Isabel Lambert, the ballets Blood Wedding, Madame Chrysantheme and Japez and the Devil, and the opera Elektra. From the 1950s, she continued to mix in the artistic circles of Soho, becoming one of Francis Bacon's most regu-

more time to her painting and drawing. In 1986 an exhibition of her work was held at the October Gallery in London.

lar portrait subjects. She

described his studies of the

details of her mobile, often

laughing face as "fabulously

accurate." But after

Rawsthorne's death in 1971

she stayed on in Essex giving

CAPTAIN COLIN McMULLEN

Captain Colin William McMullen, DSC, who died on February 8 aged 84, was gumery officer of HMS Prince of Wales both when she fought the Bismarck and during her last and fatal sortle against the

investigator."

she fought the Bismarck and during her last and fatal sortle against the Japanese. He later distinguished himself as an offshore cruising yachtsman. He was born on March 12, 1907.

LAST December saw the 50th anniversary of the sinking of the battleship Prince of Wales and the battlecruiser Repulse; it was a disaster whose impact on himself Winston Churchill has graphically recorded: "...I put the telephone down. I was thankful to be alone. In all the war I never received a more direct shock... how many efforts, hopes and plans foundered with these two ships. As I turned over and twisted in bed the full horror of the news sank in upon me..."

Colin McMullen was gunnery officer during the Prince of Wales's short but eventful life which started in May 1941 with the interception of the German battleship Bismarck in the Denmark Strait between Greenland and Iceland.

Almost at the outset of the engagement the battlecruiser Hood, darling of the Royal Navy, was sunk with almost all hands. Nevertheless, despite teething troubles with her main armament, a new system not yet tested in war (indeed she had put to sea with some Clydeside mechanics still on board), the Prince of Wales inflicted two vital hits on the Bismarck though the significance of these was not immediately appreciated in the atmosphere of gloom which pervaded the British force in the aftermath

of Hood's swift destruction.

One of the battleship's 14-inch shells had ruptured Bismarck's fuel tanks, causing an oil leak and thus reducing her radius of action. This led the German admiral, Lutjens, to abort his commerce raiding mission into the Atlantic and attempt a return to a Western French port, such as St Nazaire or Brest, for repairs. This decision led to her ultimate destruction since a Swordfish from the aircraft carrier Victorious later crippled her rudders, thus bringing her to bay.

Sir John Ainley

SIR (Alfred) John Ainley,

MC, who has died aged 85, was chief justice of Kenya,

1963-68, and on the first

anniversary of Kenyan inde-

pendence swore in Jomo Ken-

In 1968 he retired to Cum-

bria and from 1972 to 1976

was chairman of the industri-

Throughout the second

world war he had served with

the 1st Battalion Gold Coast

Regiment in East Africa and

Burma. In 1941, as a platoon Brunei.

al tribunal for the north.

yatta as the first president.



McMullen was mentioned in dispatches for his part in the handling of the Prince of Wales's main armament during the

After taking Churchill to Newfoundland for his historic Adantic Charter meeting with President Roosevelt, the Prince of Wales was soon in action again in the successful support of a Malta convoy. Next, at the decision of Churchill, she was sent to the Far East with the battlecruiser Repulse as a counter to the rising Japanese threat to Malaya. Alas, the aircraft carrier which had been intended to be part of this task force was damaged and could not accompany the capital ships. They were thus horribly vulnerable to air attack.

In the event, on December 10, 1941, while attempting to intercept Japanese transports in the South China Sea they were attacked by Japanese bombers and sunk after a two-hour battle in which the air defences of both ships were overwhelmed. Repulse sank first, at 1230 hrs, and when, after enduring the assault for almost an hour longer, the Prince of Wales succumbed too, McMullen was the last to leave her, swimming off the bridge as the ship rolled over and sank. Educated at Oakley Hall and Chelten-

commander in General Cun-

ningham's 12th African Divi-

sion, he was awarded the MC

during the Ethiopian cam-

paign, when he led an attack

on an Italian armoured car

and put it out of action with

grenades before it was even-

After the war he served as a

puisne judge in Uganda for nine years before being ap-

pointed chief justice of the

Eastern Region of Nigeria,

1955-1959, followed by three

vears as chief justice of the

combined judiciary of Sara-

wak. North Borneo and

tually captured.

al Navy in 1925. He specialised in gunnery and was serving in the cruiser Aurora at the outbreak of war. Following his return from Singapore in 1942 he took part in the ill-fated Dieppe raid. He was awarded the DSC for his part in an operation which, while it resulted in heavy casualties to the attacking force, nevertheless provided experience which was afterwards put to good effect in the Normandy landings.

McMullen then became an escort group commander, responsible for the safe and timely arrival of slow convoys to and from Gibraitar. On leaving the Western Approaches in 1944 he spent the remainder of the war in command of Home Fleet destroyers, gaining a bar to his DSC for his work on Russian con-

Several interesting appointments followed in the post-war period including command of the Rhine Flotilla, Captain Minesweepers Mediterranean — where he organised the search for the crashed Comet airliner off Elba — and Commodore Inshore Flotilla. In this command he sailed with 25 ships as a back-up to the abortive Suez operation. He also served as a commodore at Nato head-quarters in Paris where he lived in some comfort and convenience on board his Dutch barge, moored on the Seine in the heart of the city.

On his retirement from the Royal Navy in 1958 he exchanged his barge for a more manageable yacht and successfully combined a new career as a marine consultant with his lifelong passion for offshore cruising. Although a founder member of the Royal Naval Sailing Association, he always sailed under the burgee of the historic Royal Cruising Club of which he was commodore from 1972 to 1977. He was also a three-times winner of the club's most coveted cruising award. He made his last trans-Atlantic voyage in his seventies and was still skippering his wooden sloop Saecwen well into his eighties.

Wales succumbed too, McMullen was the last to leave her, swimming off the bridge as the ship rolled over and sank.
Educated at Oakley Hall and Cheltenham College, McMullen joined the Roy-

integrated.

Donald House

DONALD Victor House, CBE, past president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, has died aged 91. He was admitted an associate of the institute in 1922 and set up practice in 1924. In 1941 he merged his firm to become the senior London partner of Lewis & Mounsey: in 1946, on another merger, he assumed that role in Harmoon Banner, Lewis &

Mounsey.

He was elected a member.

of the council of the institute

in 1942 and became president in 1954. Shortly after his presidency the accountancy profession achieved a successful merger between professional bodies when the institute and the Society of Incorporated Accountants

House was, for 17 years, a director of the National Film Finance Corporation and was for 24 years on the council of the Friends of the Poor and Gentlefolk Help. A keen rider, he owned and competed his own horses and was an official judge for the British Show Jumping Association.

APPRECIATION

Colonel Sir Martin Gibbs

NOWHERE did Tim Gibbs (obituary, February II) better demonstrate his consciousness of "tradition as the basis for evolutionary change" than in his work with the disabled — an aspect of his full and energetic life of service which deserves specific mention.

He played a leading role in the giving of St Michael's Cheshire Home by the Gibbs family to the Leonard Cheshire Foundation in 1968 and despite his many other commitments he remained an active and well-loved member of the management committee up to his death. But he was more than that for he inspired a sense of family belonging that is the hallmark of the home today, enjoying

the affection and respect of

alike. Tactful but fearless in his manner, he fought hard and successfully for changes where they were needed whether in matters of management or in improvements to the fabric and environment of the home, without ever losing sight of the strengths and traditions on which he was building.

residents, staff and friends

More recently, as chairman, and some 30 years his junior. I came, like so many, to rely under his presidency of St Michael's on his singular ability to see through the irrelevancies of modern life to the issues that really matter—those that concern people, their individualities and their God-given dignity.

His larger-rhan-life, boom-

ing but unstuffy personality gave cheer to many; not only at St Michael's but everywhere he went he gave hope and raised morale.

realise what the composer

meant by his unheard strains.

It is a joyful experience to see

Miss Allan dance a phrase that

Rupert Ridge.

FEB 13 ON THIS DAY 1909

MATERIAL

Maud Allan, the dancer, was born in Toronio, Canada, and early in her career trained as a musician gaining the friendship of Joseph Joachim and Ferruccio Busoni. She danced in many European capitals, creating a sensation in London as Salome. She

died in 1956.
THE PALACE
THEATRE: MISS
MAUD ALLAN

As a preliminary to Miss Maud Allan's re-apparance, after too long an interval, in the evening bill. a special matines was given yesterday, at which the London Symphony Orchestra, under Mr. Landon Ronald, accompanied the dancer, and played various well-known orchestral pieces, the audience keeping a silence for which they deserve no little credit.

There was indeed a little more of the orchestral music than some of the dancer's admirers might have wished, though it sounded excellently in the well-planned theatre; but in as much as the "Salome" dance was omitted on this occasion, there was nothing to call for anything but praise.

It was quite clear that Miss Maud Allan has completely recovered from her accident, and that her art is even better than it was before. A host of "classical" dancers have been seen in London since she came here, but Miss Allan has no rival in the purely musical side of her art.

She translates the music into steps which to the eye are the exact equivalent of the notes which reach the ear. It would be possible to imagine the stage as a vast keyboard from which the notes should be actually called forth by the skilful feet and for the first time it would be easy for a deaf person to

appears first in the major and then in the minor, for she makes the one phrase of her dance repeat the other, yet with the fitting change of aspect that must have been in the musician's mind. This was particularly beautiful in more than one movement of Grieg's Peer Gynt suite, in which "Anitra's Dance" was the most charming of the sections. "Ase's Death" was a study of moumful poses, better thought out than the Chopin funeral march of some months ago; and in the difficult finale of the suiter the suspection of

Antitra's Dance was the most charming of the sections. "Ase's Death" was a study of mournful poses, better thought out than the Chopin funeral march of some months ago; and in the difficult finale of the suite, the suggestion of a gnome was given without any unsuitable touch of the grottesque. The bacchanal ending of this movement, too, was a piece of the most finished art. The Arabian Dance from the Casse Noisette suite, of Chaikovsky, consisted principally of the sinuous motions of the arms in which Miss

of the arms in which Miss Allan excels; the "Passepied" from Delibes's Le Roi s'amuse music was a delicious little poem, and even a trumpery thing like Rubinstein's "Melody in F" became beautiful in the translation. The same composer's "Valse Caprice". the final dance, is generally held to be the artist's greates performance; and from beginning to end one could not but feel that the dancer so ennobles the music she chooses that it must lose something in the future whenever it is heard without her.

The "Spring Song" of Mendelssohn, another old friend repeated, must always suggest the exquisitely girlish figure and the joy of spring, even to those — and there are apparently many — who do not realise how faithfully Miss Allan reflects in her steps the essence of the composer's thought.

Labour keeps one step ahead with dance policy

By SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

Labour is joining a growing

lobby for more dance re-

sources with its new policy

document, launched at the

Already famous dance

names such as Wayne Sleep

and Anthony Dowell, direc-

tor of the Royal Ballet, have been involved in a campaign

to persuade Kenneth Clarke,

the education secretary, to

keep dance in the curriculum.

Lord Palumbo, the Arts Council chairman, has asked

Mr Clarke for a revision of

proposals for arts in

Mr Fisher has taken the opportunity of hitching Lab-

our policy to the bandwagon.

There would be a national

dance house, though whether it will be at the Lyceum,

Sadler's Wells or somewhere

else is not a matter of Labour

policy; the National Curricu-

ium Council would be asked

to review its assessment of

dance in schools - the pre-

sent curriculum proposals

have dance as an optional PE

discipline - but not pressed

to make dance mandatory as

lobbyists would like: all as-

pects of dance provision and

needs would be reviewed; the

British Council would be en-

couraged to expand its dance work and collaborate with the

Arts Council; and there would

be a European dance festival.

Peter Brinson, creator of

the Dance for All programme of the Royal Ballet, said op-

portunities for dancers in

Britain had reached a low point in spite of enthusiastic

audiences. "Thirty per cent of dancers are living below the poverty line," he said. "Dance

s going to explode the myth

that art is nothing to do with

Although there are 25,000

people working in dance in Britain, as choreographers,

teachers, designers, anima-

are professional dancers in

Siobhan Davies, a dancer

and choreographer who has

her own dance company, said

that venues, training and jobs which were available when

ago were no longer there. "There's no space, no educa-

tion, and I just want the

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chance to be better used."

full-time employment.

Commons yesterday.

CINDERELLA shall go to the ball, if Mark Fisher, the shadow arts minister, has his

Yesterday Labour became the first political party to proclaim a policy for dance. "No art form has greater participation, but dance has been the Cinderella of the arts in terms of the attention it has had from government," Mr Fisher said, "Yet last year over one million people saw performances of the nine principal dance companies.

Solicitors barrack Mackay

Continued from page 1 cent 3 per cent pay rise for criminal legal aid rates, was a settlement that was "entirely reasonable" against the back-ground of rising legal aid costs and the economic climate. Five years ago, he said. a total of £500 million was spent on all kinds of legal aid. This year, it was clear that the figure would be "well over El

Five years ago, 2.25 million people a year were helped under the legal aid schemes and in the present year the figure would be about three million. "Is that the picture of a service under threat? Is that the picture of a service being whittled away by an uncaring government

Replying, Philip Ely, Law Society president, said that solicitors who manned the duty rotas and solicitors affected by the fixed-fees plan were the same people. He added that, although Lord Mackay had made much of the big rise in payments to solicitors for criminal legal aid work, that rise was

"geared to work done". Alastair Logan, who defended two of the Guildford Four, said solicitors did not reject controlling costs; merethe way that was being done. He was appalled by Lord Mackay's "mishmash of bogus statistics".

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Galleries look longingly at Holbein

By Sarah Jane Checkland SALEROOM CORRESPONDENT

A PORTRAIT by Hans Holbein could break the world record for a British painting when it goes for auction in April at an estimated £15 million. But the sale of A Lady with a Squirrel and a Starling has been criticised by directors of art museums who say they have not being given a chance to buy.

Christie's, which is handling the sale on April 15, is

also offering paintings by Rembrandt and Canaletto. estimated at £8 million and £3 million respectively. Together with the Holbein, their appearance has led to fears that stately home owners are rushing to sell their assets before the government institutes a list of supreme heritage items that will be banned from going abroad. Timothy Stevens, art curator at the National Museum of Wales, said:
"If people believe that the government is going to limit their freedom to sell, inevitably some owners will decide to take the cash now."

Neil MacGregor, director of the National Gallery, yes terday described the Holbein. dated at around 1526, as one of the artist's greatest smallscale portraits, a category which is not represented in British public collections.

He complained about the precipitous nature of the Holbein sale and its price. He said that he and Tim Renton, the arts minister, heard about the work being put up for sale by the Marquess of Cholmondeley only at the end of last week. The short notice "effectively deprived national collec-tions of the opportunity to discuss and plan a more satisfactory solution for all

Mr MacGregor said that he and the director of the National Heritage Memorial Fund met Lord Cholmondeley and representatives of Christie's on Tuesday, but that the owner would not consider a sale by private treaty, which would give to a public collection the benefits of the tax liability on the painting, or to delay the sale.

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ministers believe is the main

reason for the failure of the

long-predicted upturn to

materialise. John Major said

in Portsmouth that if busi-

the prospects were brighter.

"than many imagine". He

added: "Providing we do not

change the policies that gear

for long term prosperity, I

think the prospects for all of



Rich colours: the Holbein expected to break records for a British portrait

£15 million could be found immediately the sale would go ahead in April. Such a sum is far beyond the resources of the gallery.

"Only a generous change of heart from Lord Cholmondeley can bring matters to a happy conclusion," Mr. raise the necessary funds.

us are very bright indeed."As

British Aerospace provoked

sharp exchanges in the Com-

mons by announcing job cuts

of 2,350 from its military and

civilian aircraft divisions, the

from the CBI highlighted the

malaise in industry by find-

ing that demand and output

fell in all parts of the country

over the past four months.

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MacGregor said. of the National Gallery in Scotland, vesterday criticised

West and the West Midlands,

predicted a short-term im-

Labour seized on the re-

newed gloom over the econo-

Brown, the shadow trade sec-

retary, said Britain was fac-

to attack

provement in production.

Jobless tally likely to show rise of 50.000

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first but with rain later.

Timothy Clifford, director Mr MacGregor for not asking for help. He believes that a consortium of museum directors may have managed to

Lord Cholmondeley said yesterday was that his immediate.concern was a £900,000 bill for replacing his hearing and domestic water system. The sale, he said, formed part of a plan to endow and preserve his estate at Houghton

withdrawal from the exchange-rate mechanism and

said former Tory voters would

feel betrayed at finding the

"economic miracle" turning

into a disaster. Evidence that

the recession will last beyond

the election prompted calls

ing a new wave of job losses as a result of the government's mismanagement, Tony Blair, Threat to marginals, page 6 BAe job losses, page 17 Only two regions, the North the employment spokesman.

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Political sketch

Loads of smut at **Mucking Flats**

In the Lords, Brian Rix, an Lactor-manager famous for bedroom farces of the more risque kind, took his seat. In the Commons, Mr Peter Lilley and the most celebrated Essex girl of all, Teresa Gorman (C. Billericay), exchanged smutty banter about Mucking Flats. Dennis Skinner announced that dead foxes were imminent. And Frank Haynes (Lab, Ashfield) betrayed disturbing signs of glue-sniffing. Let us get the glue-sniff-

ing out of the way first, and be clear we have no firm proof that Mr Haynes, who will be 67 next month, is Britain's most senior victim of solvent abuse. However, worried about his strange behaviour in the Chamber, I tuned in to an expert on the Jimmy Young show on BBC Radio 2 las week advising listeners of the early warning signs among younger citizens: "sudden changes in behavuncharacteristic aggression." "violent outbursts" and "staring eyes". Frank Haynes displays all of

In private, Mr Haynes is a cheery soul: a Cockney collier turned Labour MP of the old school, he has few enemies. Even Mrs That-cher likes him. In the Chamber he is happy to pass an afternoon in ami-able conversation with those around him on the green benches.

But, very occasionally, something terrible takes hold. He goes wild. Such fits have been a such as the such fits have been a such fit fits have been a such fit fits have been a such fits have been a such fits have been a such fit fits have been a such fit fits have been a such fits have been a s fits have become more violent of late. Yesterday he suffered his most severe seizure yet.

"Angry or excitable behaviour out of all proportion to the occasion" was what the expert warned Jimmy Young about. But, innocently at first, Mr Haynes had risen with a point of order concerning European legislation. All

quite routine.
Suddenly, Mr Haynes's
whole body jerked, and he
started to shout. He seemed to blame Mr Speaker for so loud that we could not tell quite what it was about. His eyes bulged and, arms thrust out in front of him. elbows bent and both fists raised, the old boy began to shake his shoulders up and down in a violent pumping action. MPs watched, fro-

zen. "C'mon Mr Speaker," he bellowed, "off yer back-

side! Do something abaht it!" Mr Speaker, the

mildest of men, stared at

suddenly, the MP slumped down, and began to smile genially round at everyone. Could Mr Haynes be the oldest sniffer in town? The man on the Jimmy Young show said that many solvent-based substances (easily available in the office) can be abused: correcting fluid, thinners and screencleaners lie all around at Westminster. Another theory (my own) is that all you need is a general election atmosphere and a

plastic bag over your face. Then there is Teresa Gorman, who is surely on something wilder than glue. Yesterday she bobbed up excitedly to ask if the trade and industry secretary had "any plans to visit Mucking Flats in South East Essex?".

Peter Lilley eyed Mrs Gorman, in a purple skirt and lime green jacket, wari-ly. "I shall read my answer very carefully," he said. "! have no present plans (pause) to (pause) visit (long pause) Mucking (pause) Flats. All but wiping his brow, the secretary of state sat down. These answers can go horribly wrong.

Mrs Gorman was fear-liess. Up leapt our plucky fan of Mucking Flats, bubbling with en-thusiasm. Words like "flat" and "muck" tumbled forth, happily without accident, as she explained how "all London's muck" is trucked to the flats: foul muck becomes flats' luck as the flick of a muck-converting switch turns muck to gas. or - as Mrs Gorman put it "muck to brass". Or Flats to bucks. You can make a Mucking fortune from these tlats.

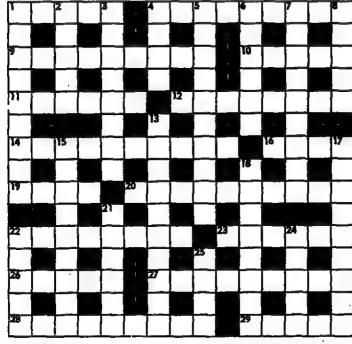
Yes, replied Lilley, nervously: he understood that this muck could light a town of 30,000 people. Mrs Gorman, he added, "could light up her whole constitu-ency". Probably he did not mean the sentence to come out quite as it did, but then - as Mr Speaker put it minutes later to Paul Flynn (Lab, Newport W), who had tried to wave a document as a visual aid, "we proceed

here by mouth". Dennis Skinner challenged this, growling (if we heard him right) that "dead foxes" would be displayed during Friday's blood-

Is that all? After Mr Haynes and Mrs Gorman, the arrival of dead foxes holds no terrors.

MATTHEW PARRIS

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ACROSS

4 A trifle short as a piece of music

9 College joined by new academic type (9).

10 Gong brings many in to dinner, for example (5).

11 Composer's a hard-hearted

12 Divide the rest? Can't split it up 14 Share with partner, in a sensible

way (10). 16 Grouse meat (4). 19 Name a condition that's un-

usually simple (4). 20 Misses meritorious author (10). 22 Difficult mount I scale as climber

23 English beer returned to feast (6). Solution to Puzzle No 18.839

26 Fraud I trap, using this? (5). Being rich, surround home with silver exterior (9). 28 Incomplete car, perhaps, could

29 Working terms concerning US university (5). 1 Collected stories of French ro-

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mance, possibly (9). Ruin coarse linen (5). Endlessly asked to reveal essential outline (8).

4 Quality of wines as distinct from Non-specialist groups on record

6 Pacifying, thanks to China (6). Money deposited to get house designed, we hear (9). Speciacular effect when powder magazine finally goes up (5).

13 Old man influenced by Romans in German territory (10). 15 Person coming last learned it badly (4-5).

17 Fighter pilot above the main force (9). 18 Father used to control speed of engine (8). 21 Figure put ashore (4.2).

22 Obtuse Roman general has 24 Basic assumption one gets a vote on the island (5). 25 TV programme available in bars (4).

Concise crossword is on

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct? By Philip Howard HELOBIOUS SUCCIFEROUS Bringing success
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a. Hash made of see
b. Wild Irish irregal
c. Loose, baggy trou RUNCIBLE

a. Sensuous

b. Ruddy and bouny

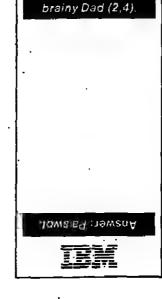
c. A kitchen scuffion

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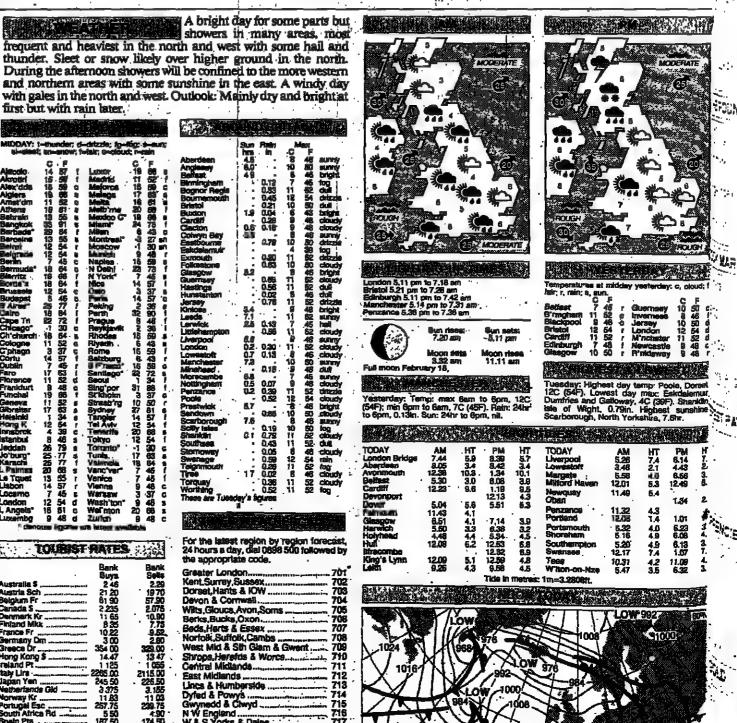
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Peace dividend and recession cut further 2,350 jobs at BAe

By Ross Tieman INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Aerospace is to axe a further 2,350 jobs by the middle of the year to reduce capacity and costs in response to defence cutbacks and weak civil aerospace markets. The cuts, which affect both the military and the civil aircraft businesses of the company, will bring total job losses at BAe since November 1990 to more than 12,000, and reduce the company's workforce to 116,000.

However, unlike earlier cutbacks, which addressed manufacturing capacity, twothirds of the latest reductions will be whitecollar staff, including more than 1,000 engineers. The company has given warning that further cutbacks might be needed

in its Dynamics business if there are no government orders for air-to-air missiles this spring. In all, 900 jobs will go from BAe's commercial aircraft operations: the rest will be spread across three warplane

Mike Turner, who heads two of BAe's regional and corporate aircraft businesses, said: "The aviation market is continuing to suffer from the worldwide recession and in these circumstances we have to continue to examine every aspect of our organisation to seek improved efficiencies and the cost sayings necessary to increase our competi-

Tim Webb, national officer of the MSF technical union, which represents many BAe employees, said the curs would damage the ability of the company, Britain's biggest manufacturer, to compete in high technology. He said the government's failure to indicate its future weapons needs had contributed to the job losses in the military business. The AEU engineering union renewed its call for the government to support a diversification programme for the defence industry, and to provide help

with retraining.
In all, 830 jobs will go from at Hatfield, Hertfordshire, which has long been the headquarters of BAe's civil aircraft business. The plant makes components for the BAe 146 regional jet and the pan-Europe-

an Airbus programme.

A further 70 jobs will be lost at Woodford, near Manchester, where final assembly of the BAe 146 and the Advanced Turbo Prop is carried out. On the military

side, there will be 550 job losses at Warton. Lancashire, which is a research and development centre and the site where manufacture and assembly of Hawk and Tornado aircraft are carried out. A similar number will go at Brough. Humberside, where BAe carries out manufacture and assembly of Hawk and Airbus compo-

BAe is also to shed 350 jobs at Kingston, Surrey. These were to have been transferred to other plants when assembly of the

Harrier jump jet ends there next year.

A BAe spokeswoman said full provision for the cost of the job losses had been made in the £250 million set aside at the time of the company's disastrous £432 million rights issue last autumn. The curbacks are part of a far-reaching plan drawn up by Sir

Graham Day, the chairman, and his col-

leagues to reshape the group. Talks are also in hand for the piecemeal sale, joint venturing or closure of all the businesses in BAe's Space and Communications division.

However, the threat to 2,500 BAe jobs at Prestwick, Ayrshire, caused by BAA's desire to cease operating the airport there. appears to have been lifted. BAe, which assembles its Jetstream aircraft at Prestwick, and also uses it as a base for its flying school, has been in talks with BAA over the airport's future. However, George Younger, MP for Ayr and chairman of Ayrshire Community Airport Project (Acap), is expected to announce today that BAA has reached an agreement for Acap to take over the airport.

Century Fox, which had to

Fox Broadcasting, the tele-

vision network, increased

profits. Expanding the net-

work from four nights a week

to an eventual seven nights is

now a priority. In Australia

and Hong Kong, operating

profits rose from Aus\$186

The majority-owned South

China Morning Post has

bought a Chinese language

newspaper and hopes to de-

velop integrated classified

million to Aus\$201 million.

write off two costly films.

Burton chief paid off with £773,000

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

Sir Ralph. The deferred

bonus scheme was terminat-

ed by Sir John Hoskyns, the

current chairman, in Novem-

ber 1990, and Mr Cooklin

Under the scheme, Sir

one. In the meantime, John

Hoerner's reputation was

growing. He had not been

the Halpern era despite the

fact that he was running a

large chunk of the business.

As he came to the attention of

Sir John and the other non-

executives, they realised they

had a first-class retailer on the

team who seemed capable of

leading the disparate group

North, the new finance direc-

tor, and Geoff Powell, recent-

ly brought in from Kingfisher

and tipped for a directorship

soon. Mr Cooklin was told of the change on Friday and

compensation was agreed by

Halpern: old regime

Tuesday.

He works well with Richard

through difficult times.

en a seat on the board in

Man in the hot

seat found

changes painful

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

Laurence Cooklin, chief executive of Burton, who replaced Sir Ralph Halpern 15 months ago, is leaving the group with a £773,000 payoff plus deferred bonuses over the next two years.

He is to be replaced by John Hoemer, the American chairman and chief executive of Debenhams, Burton's department-store business.

Mr Cooklin is the last of the old guard at Burton and was closely identified with the flamboyant Sir Ralph. He joined Burton in 1970 and was appointed to the main board in 1980. Prior to his

LAURENCE Cooklin has

been in the hot seat at Burton

for just 15 months, but they

have been the most difficult in

Burton's history. In that time

the entire executive board has

changed and the group has

launched a £161 million res-

cue rights issue. Trading has

been tough and Burton's fin-

gers were badly burnt in the

At the time of his promo-

tion, many in the City ques-

tioned the wisdom of appoint-

ing a man from the old regime that worked closely

with Sir Ralph Halpern and

benefited heavily from the fi-

nancial packages for direc-

tors. These were unlike

anything seen this side of the

Atlantic, and were thought to

be excessive by large and

But at the time of Sir

Ralph's departure, Sir John

Hoskyns, the new non-execu-

tive chairman, had little

choice but to appoint Mr

Cooklin. He was the only

executive director remaining

and he was seen as a reason-

able retailer. The alternative

would have been to bring in

Analysts say Cooklin was

ven a year to prove his

leadership qualities to the

board, but after ten years as

Sir Ralph's deputy the transi-

tion was an extremely painful

small shareholders.

property slump.

appointment as chief execu-Ralph, Mr Cooklin, Mr Plant tive in November 1990, he and Michael Wood, the forhad been joint managing di-rector along with Paul Plant. He had a five-year service mer finance director, will contimue to receive payments until November 1994 even contract and was paid a salary of £375,000. His compenthough they have all left.

The group has declined to give a figure for Mr Cooklin's deferred bonuses, as it says at sation amounts to roughly double his annual salary. He is also contractually entitled the time of Sir Ralph's departo receive deferred bonuses ture it overestimated the earned in 1988, 1989 and amount he would receive. 1990 under the much criti-cised scheme implemented by

According to Burton's esti-mates at the time of their departures, Sir Ralph was due £1.4 million in deferred bonuses, Mr Plant £600,000 and Mr Wood £100,000, making £2.1 million. The group says a truer figure would be £1.5 million. Analysts say Mr Cooklin was on the same scale as Mr Plant before Sir Ralph left, which would make revised estimates about £2 million.

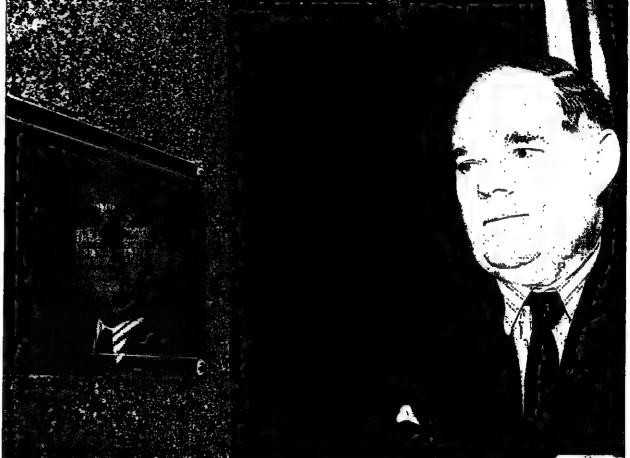
The four received a total of £2.32 million in compense tion for loss of office, over and above the deferred bonuses Sir Ralph also received an annual pension of £456,000 a year. Pension arrangements for the others were not dis-

In addition, the nine-man board, made up of five executives and four non-executives. received more than £14 million in fees, salaries, and performance-related payments from 1987 to 1990. Analysts believe the four departed executive directors received the bulk of this, which means the four men have or will receive the lion's share of £18.5 million for this period.

Mr Cooklin's departure did not take the City totally by surprise. There had been rumours of a power struggle between Mr Cooklin and Mr Hoerner for some weeks. He took over as chief of Debenhams in April 1987 and was previously with May Department Stores in America. He is well regarded in the City and is thought to have improved Debenhams' fortunes.

Mr Hoerner, who was born and brought up in Nebraska. said yesterday that this was his fourth chief executive job. He distanced himself from the cult of personality which had been prevalent at Burton in times past. "I believe in team work. I'm not into small-scale management elites. I work with a large group of senior people". He has called the 17 senior managers in Burton to a brainstorming session tomorrow.

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Well reflected: John Hoerner, the American who is to take over as chief executive of Burton Group

News Corp rises 19% to Aus\$298m

by Sky increased by 1 million

to 2.8 million. In Australia,

Ansett increased losses

because of a price war but its

main new competitor has col-

lapsed and Ansett is expected

to reduce losses markedly in

the fourth quarter. Ansett's

aircraft leasing subsidiary.

though trading well, is likely

to be sold. Mr Murdoch said:

"All black holes have now

In Britain, operating profits rose from Aus\$39 million

to Aus\$174 million (£73 mil-

lion) due to changes at Sky

been closed."

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT FINANCIAL EDITOR

THE News Corporation, the Australian international media group, increased its pre-tax profit 19 per cent to Aus\$298 million (£125 million) in the six months to end-December despite recessionary trading conditions in most of its main markets. The interim dividend is maintained at 5 cents from earn-

ings up from 64 cents to 79 cents per share. Excluding prior-year prof-its of Aus\$41 million from foreign exchange trading, which was ended to eliminate

financial risk, pre-tax profits were up 43 per cent.
Rupert Murdoch, the chairman, said the group aimed to make itself a quality producer of newspapers and television but also a low-cost producer. Management's priority was to improve profits

Profits benefited from a Aus\$93 million cut in interest charges, mainly due to disposals, which was reflected in an 8 per cent drop in turnover to Aus\$5.3 billion. There was, however, an underlying increase in profitability.

from existing businesses.

News Corp suffered a Aus\$63 million share of losses at associates British Sky Broadcasting and Ansett Transport Industries.

British Sky Broadcasting is forecast to break even on its trading next month and to start making trading profits in the last quarter of the financial year. During 1991. the number of homes reached

CATCHING THE TIDE

and improved profit margins

at the group's five newspa-

pers: The Times, The Sunday

Times, The Sun, News of the

World and Today. Costs were

cut and income benefited

Mr Murdoch said: "We

have put a lot of effort into

The Times and it is now be-

ginning to click. I am very

In America, operating

profits fell by Aus\$100 mil-lion to Aus\$472 million due

to the sale of magazines and

poor results from Twentieth

from price increases.

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Mercedes plan to shed 20,000

EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

MERCEDES-BENZ, the car-making subsidiary of Daimler-Benz and a bedrock element of German industry, is understood to be looking at plans to shed up to 20,000 jobs by the end of 1995. The prospect highlights the urgent attempts being made by European motor manufacturers to gear up to increased competition from Japan by the end of the decade.

Most of the job cuts are expected to be made in Germany, where the company employs just over 100,000 people. about 40 per cent of its worldwide workforce. A Mercedes spokesman confirmed last night that the company was considering shedding "several thou-

He added that the cuts would be part of an ambitious programme by Daim-ler-Benz to achieve savings of DM4 billion each year until 1995. Mercedes-Benz announced recently that it was

of the European and American car market.

Yesterday's statement came less than a week after several European car makers announced large-scale redundancies, including 3,000 job losses at BMW and 2,400 at Ford and Vauxhall in Britain. In the case of Mercedes, most jobs lost are likely to be in Germany. where the company assembles its entire

range of cars. The Mercedes spokesman insisted that the company would not have to resort to compulsory redundancies to reduce its workforce. The planned job cuts could be achieved through "natural wastage", including early retirement schemes and a ban on hiring new staff. However, a final decision is not thought to have been made yet, and

there appears to be some pressure from within the company's management to employ more drastic measures. The timing of the announcements by BMW and Mercedes is also seen as an

forced to respond to the worldwide eco- attempt to scare IG Metall, the powernomic slowdown and the difficult state ful metalworkers' union, into accepting a moderate wage deal in the forthcom-ing pay round. IG Metall is demanding a pay rise of 9.5 per cent, the employers say that would mean large-scale redundancies throughout German industry.

higher prices. or both. The issue of job losses at Mercedes-Benz might also raise the spectre of eventual relocation of production outside Germany, in response to high and rising German labour and social costs.

As Japanese motor manufacturers are now attempting to exploit the upper segments of the car market, companies such as Mercedes and BMW are under increasing pressure to reduce their

Last year. Daimler-Benz and Mercedes announced that there would be 3.000 job cuts by 1995 at their administrative head-office in Stuttgart. These come on top of reductions in production-line jobs and will be achieved mainly by forcing staff into early retirement at the age of 58.

at St Modwen

St Modwen Properties, the West Midlands development and investment group, is raising its annual dividend to 0.55p (0.5p) a share, despite a fall in pre-tax profits from £4.05 million to £2.11 million in the year to end-November.

Turnover advanced from £22.9 million to £45.1 million. Earnings slip to 1.7p (2.3p) per share. The value of maintained at 38p.

GenCon climbs

General Consolidated Investment Trust saw pre-tax revenue climb to £6.6 million (£6.47 million) in the year to end-December. A final dividend of 2.75p makes an unchanged total of 10.41p.

Loss reduced

URS International, the American professional vices group quoted London, reports reduced pre-tax losses of \$536,181 (\$1.21 million) for the six months to end-June. Again, there is no interim dividend.

Porvair deal

Porvair, the specialist plastics group, is taking a majority stake in Polyfiltronics, which makes medical diagnostic de-vices, for £300.000.

Spending more

West German retail sales rose by a real 5.6 per cent in 1991, the second largest rise since 1970, according to the Federal Statistics Office.

Payout up | Paribas seeks bank links in Germany

BY OUR CITY STAFF

BANQUE Paribas is preparing to expand its operations in Germany and Credit du Nord, its subsidiary, intends to link with German banks. The French banking group

is also looking for partners to invest in German industry and does not rule out the possibility of a link at parent group level with a bank if the opportunity arises.

Charles Hamer, vice presi-

dent of Banque Paribas, said: Our subsidiary Credit du Nord, which is a domestic retail bank, really needs to link up in a number of foreign countries. They have done it in Spain, Sweden and Belgium. Nothing has been done yet [in Germany], but they are definitely looking as well as in other European countries.",

Banque Paribas plans to expand in asset manage-ment, capital markets, merg-ers and acquisitions and privatisation activities in Germany. Mr Hamer said: "We are in the process of developing our mergers and acquisi-tions and have also created a subsidiary to invest in Ger-

man companies."

He added that the bank intends to invest "with German partners in mediumcompanies". Paribas. which has representative of-fices in Leipzig and Berlin, is very interested in privatisations of conglomerates in the former East Germany both as an adviser and as a potential investor. The bank also has a presence in Frankfurt. Dusseldorf, Hamburg and Stuttgart.

French banking analysts support the Paribas plans and think Credit du Nord. which has one of the largest retail outlets in France, would benefit handsomely from linking with an ambitious German retail bank to offer correspondent banking

But German banks may be reluctant to commit themselves until Standard & Poor's, the American rating agency, has completed its review of \$1 billion of Banque Paribas debt ratings which are on creditwatch for a

Standard & Poor's action is based on "the continued deterioration in loan quality of the consolidated Paribas group, and its impact on group profitability and adequacy of group capital."

Paribas has a heavy expo-

sure to the Maxwell empire and the Swiss property mar-ket through Paribas Suisse, its subsidiary, which it esti-mates will lead to a net loss of Fr200 million in 1991, but banking analysts forecast it will recover in 1992.



Ten-pin money: Allied Leisure's Richard Carr (bowling) and Duncan Moss

Allied Leisure pegs dividend

BY PHILLIP PANGALOS

ated the most challenging trading conditions that we as

company have ever

ALLIED Leisure blames the recession and ab erosion of consumer confidence for the proposed withdrawal from its loss-making Theme Bars operations, which has result-ed in a big £3.23 million ex-

traordinary charge.

Despite depressed consumer spending, the ten-pin bowling to nightchib group managed to lift pre-tax profits to £1.65 million in the 25week period to January 5. against £1.63 million in the

Megabowi ten-pin bowling centres. Operating profits from this must-market area to end-December 1990. Turnover grew by 17.7 per cent to £10.6 million. Earnings per share fell from 6.92p to 3.69p, reflectrose 15.7. per cent to £2.87 million, on turnover ahead 23 per cent at £7.82 million. Duncan Moss, finance direc-tor, said: "The lanes are still ing last April's one-for-one rights issue. The dividend is maintained at 1.5p a share. full at peak times, but waiting times have decreased and The shares lost 4p to 72p. Richard Carr, chairman less money is being spent on bars and foods." said: "The recession has cre-

Operating profits from Allied's three nightclubs slumped 67 per cent to

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Allied-Lyons expands doughnut chain in US

ALLIED-LYONS, the drinks, brewing and food conglomerate, is continuing to expand its Dunkin' Donuts chain with the purchase of 51 stores in America now trading under the Dawn Donuts banner.

Dawn Donuts banner.

The price is likely to be only a few million pounds. David Jarvis, chairman and chief executive of J Lyons & Company, said a similar but slightly smaller deal in America is also in the pipeline. Dunkin' Donuts now has 2,500 stores around the world although four out of five are in America. Twenty-three of the Dawn Donuts stores will seit has the agreement Donuts format. After six months, Allied has the agreement of most of the remaining franchise-holders to convert.

European car sales rise

CAR sales in 17 European countries rose 1.6 per cent in January to 1.24 million vehicles, say French car industry officials. Volkswagen remained Europe's leading car seller in January, but Peugeot moved up to second place from fifth in January, at the expense of Fiat and Ford. General Motors European division continued to hold third position and Renault remained in sixth spot, although its share of the overall market rose. Peugeot's gains were largely powered by a 24 per cent surge in the number of Citroën models, raising Citroën's market share to 5.21 per cent, from 4.29 per cent.

Moorfields falls into red

MOORFIELDS Estates, the north of England residential and commercial property developer quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, announced a loss before tax of £691.000 for the year to end-October £565,000 profit. The loss follows £949,000 of provisions against falls in the value of some of its commercial properties. The commercial division lost £1.04 million net after provisions and interest write-offs. The net loss for the group is reduced to £465,000 after recoverable taxation. A nominal dividend of 0.1p is paid (2.4p) for the year to maintain trustee investment status.

ICI buys Barnices

IMPERIAL Chemical Industries has bought Barnice Valentine, Spain's largest vehicle refinishing business. The price was not disclosed but ICI said it was less than £50 million. Through the acquisition of Barnices, which employs 70 staff and has a turnover of about £16 million, ICI hopes to strenthen its position as a supplier to the European automotive repair industry, especially in Spain, which is Europe's fifth largest and fastest growing market. ICI said that customers in France and Spain would have access to ICI Autocolor products and business support systems.

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Brussels returns

Tarmac deal with

Steetley to OFT

By MARTIN WALLER THE proposed joint venture an MMC reference. But

between Tarmac and

the trade secretary, brings closer a full reference to the

Monopolies and Mergers

Commission of both the joint

venture and a rival and hos-

tile bid for Steetley from Redland, a third building

All three companies are

desperate to avoid such a

reference, and the next few

days are likely to see tough

negotiations between the three and the OFT, which is

already considering the £580 million Redland bid. After

the Brussels decision Steetley

said the company and Tarmac "will now discuss with

the OFT the concerns noted". Mr Lilley had requested

that the venture be sent back

to the OFT from the Europe-

an Commission, which under European Community merg-

ers legislation had jurisdic-

tion to consider it. The trade

department said the link

raised competitive concerns.

but because the building ma-

terials industry was contained

within Britain and did not

export, the matter had no

resevance to Europe as a

Sir Leon Brittan, the com-

petition commissioner, has accepted this view, adding

that he too thought the joint

venture raised competition

concerns by threatening to

create a dominant position in

bricks in the north-east and

south-west of England and in

clay tiles in the country as a

There have been only two

other attempts by a Commu-

nity country to have a compe-

tition ruling referred back to the national authorities, and

There are now two likely

options open to the OFT. It

may refer the joint venture

and the Redland bid to the

MMC; while refusing to al-

make undertakings to reduce

their various market shares.

or it may allow such under-

Tarmac and Steetley have

takings to be made.

both have failed.

materials concern.

Managers expect industrial upturn in next few months

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

THE first signs of a recovery in manufacturing output are expected in the next four months by managers in the industrial heartlands of the West Midlands and the North-West,

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Output in Scotland, however, is predicted to fall sharply and overall expectations among manufacturing companies in Britain are for both demand and output to remain weak.

The prospect of a levelling-off in the trend of manufacturing decline emerges from a joint regional analysis by BSL, a business research company, and the Confederation of British Industry. The two bodies have examined

information collected by the CBI's recent industrial trends

However, the analysis also reveals large variations in the impact of the recession on the regions, and in managers' expectations of recovery.

Before the recession began, levels of capacity utilisation tended to be lowest in Scotland and the North-West of England," the study observes. "Today, some of the highest rates of capacity utilisation are to be found in Scotland and northern-

regions."
The study also highlights East Anglia and the South-East as the regions that have lost the most manufacturing

Single market hotline takes 250,000 calls

By COLIN NARBROUGH

PETER Lilley, the trade sec-retary, has hailed his depart-ary next year. ment's nearly three-year-old single market hotline as a tremendous success in improving companies' awareness of the impact of the 1992 programme on their

At a ceremony in Victoria marking the 250,000th call. he said Britain was well ahead of its European part-ners in the level of business awareness about the implications of an integrated

His caller was Brian Pearce, of Pearce Signs, 2 London company that makes and supplies illuminated signs, among others, for the Euro Disneyland project near Paris. Mr Pearce sought the department's advice on how his company could avoid pay-ing double VAT on some of its export work.

callers on the hotline are from firms with less than 100 employees, but nearly 20 per cent of callers have a staff exceeding 500. About a third of enquiries come from businesses in the service sector. Mr Lilley said the hotline -081-200 1992 - would be kept open for those businesses that have not yet considered how they will be affected by the single market, which

Apple sets

claim at

\$4.37bn

Apple Computer, the world's

second-largest maker of per-

sonal computers, claims

copyright infringements by Microsoft, the software com-

pany, cost it \$4.37 billion in lost profits and sales.

Apple has been suing Microsoft for almost four

years. The figure was dis-

closed in a potential claim for

damages in court documents

yesterday. It is 14 times

Apple's net \$309 million

Microsoft says the claim is

"insupportable and specula-

tive", and says all its software

technology was made by its

own employees.

Apple accuses Microsoft and Hewlett-Packard, the

computer maker, of illegally

copying the window system

technology which it says gives

the Apple Macintosh com-

puter its distinctive feel.

Hewlett-Packard says Apple's

claims are groundless.

BTP cash call

BTP, the speciality chemicals

group, is raising £28.3 mil-

lion by way of a deeply

discounted one-for-six rights

issue to fund further pur-

chases in Europe and other

expansion plans. Frank

Buckley, the chairman, said

the £8.8 million purchases of

three French businesses filled

in a clear gap left by the

group's earlier acquisitions

that took it into the German.

Italian and Scandinavian

markets. Shareholders are

promised a final dividend of

at least 5.75p for the year to

end-March, making a total raised from 8.4p to 8.85p.

Productivity at British Coal

reached a record of 5.92

tonnes/man/shift last week.

an increase of 28 per cent

over the level of a year ago, Neil Clarke, chairman, said.

Coal record

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profit last year

ary next year.

Mr Lilley said Britain was preparing to use its six-month Community later this year to address the remaining 20 per cent of single market measures still unresolved.

The initial proposals from Lord Cockfield, the former European commissioner. totalled nearly 300. But the British government feels that not all of the outstanding measures need to be put in place. "Some need not be

completed," Mr Lilley said. list of measures still unfinished. The hotline puts callers in touch with the relevant departments in Whitehall and private sector advisers.



Lilley: 'huge success'

WATMOUGHS (Holdings).

the print group that specialises in colour magazines and

newpaper colour supple-

ments, has won a five-year

contract to print Hello, the

Watmoughs will also print

Hola, the Spanish sister pub-

lication of Hello, and Blanco

Y Negro, another Spanish

magazine. Printing under the

contracts will begin in the

spring next year at a new, £36

million plant near Madrid.

The company said the three

contracts meant that the new

factory would operate at 80

per cent of its planned capaci-

ty a year after opening. Hola SA, the publisher of

Hello, is to lend £2.2 million

to Watmoughs España, the

Spanish subsidiary of Wat-

moughs, as part of the con-

tract terms. The loan is

convertible into 10 per cent of

Watmoughs' shares up to 90

days after the printing con-

celebrity gossip magazine.

presidency of the European

He said Britain was not alone in wanting to pare the

jobs over the past 12 months Yorkshire and Humberside and the North have lost the least, it says. Industrial managers are

sometimes mistaken in their perceptions of demand and output trends. However, their position close to the workbenches of British industry means the CBI's industrial trends survey is generally taken to be the most reliable barometer of manufacturing

Optimism in the West Midlands declined during the fi-nal quarter of 1991, along with demand, but collective expectations now are for a recovery in demand during the next few months.

"As older, less efficient plant has been eliminated, fewer firms are now working below capacity," the study says. "Average prices and unit costs decreased, helping to make the West Midlands more competitive, but at the expense of profit margins."

A similar picture emerged in the North-West, where managers expect orders to rise in the course of the next; four months, for the first time since July 1989. Although unit costs in the region were up, they rose by the smallest margin since the analysis was

first conducted in July 1988. However, Scotland, which appeared almost immune to the recession long after the rest of the economy was con-tracting, is now teeling the effects quite badly. BSL and CBI researchers found pessimism had increased in the latest quarter, while demand and output had continued to fall. Further output falls are

Hopes of a recovery spreading outwards from the South-East, as the fecession did, might turn out to be misplaced. In London and the South-East, the study found, expectations have again de-clined.

Capacity utilisation is at its worst level since July 1988 and output is expected to fall further. Prices have fallen modest. But uncertainty over demand is leading to further cuthacks in investment. Elsewhere, the pattern is

mixed, but broadly neutral. If the metal-bashers of the Mid-lands and North-West are right, manufacturing recov-ery, when it comes, will begin in the industrial heartlands. The South-East, which has been hit hardest, might have

tract becomes effective. The

investment in the new print

plant is being financed through a £22.3 million one-

for-four rights issue at 350p,

fully underwritten by Singer

call would ensure that gear-

ing and interest cover were

maintained "at prudent lev-

els", during the investment

programme planned for the

Profits before tax for the

year to end-December 1991, are forecast at not less than £8

million compared with £11.6

million last year. First-half

profits last year fell almost 50 per cent to £2.6 million. A

final dividend of 8p will be

recommended, making 10.5p (10.25p) for the year.

Trading in the current year is

said to be in line with

expectations.

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to wait a little longer.

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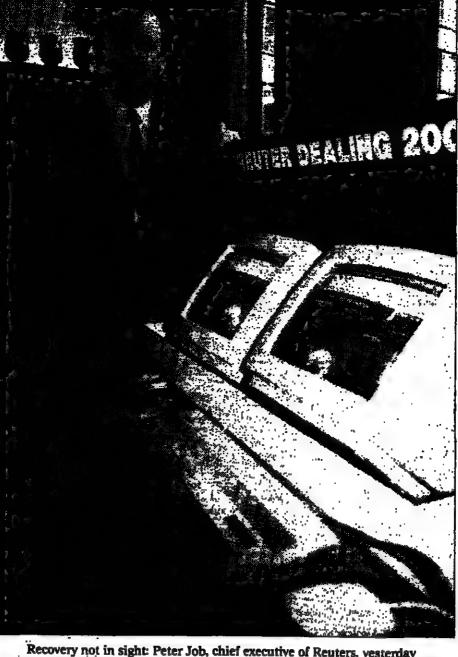
By JONATHAN PRYNN

Watmoughs wins of 1990 to £503 million.

> lion to £340.3 million, up 6.3 per cent. A reduced tax charge and minority interest resulted in a 10.5 per cent rise in earnings from 49.5p a

> share to 54.7p.
> The final dividend is 12.3p a share, lifting the total to 17p (15p). The shares closed

Tempus, page 20 475 to 10,335.



Recovery not in sight: Peter Job, chief executive of Reuters, yesterday

Reuters cautious as profits improve

BY MARTIN BARROW

REUTERS Holdings, the financial information and news company, gave a warning that further cost-cutting measures may be im-plemented in the absence of any evidence of a recovery in

Peter Job, chief executive and managing director, said the company was still under avoid passing on increases in "In the near term. market recovery is not in sight and we expect revenue growth to slow further in 1992, particularly since, in response to our customers' needs, we have generally avoided increasing prices,

he said. Reuters' cautious statement on prospects for 1992 tempered the stock market's response to 1991 figures in line with expectations and the surprise disclosure that the company's net cash rose from £217 million at the end

In the 12 months to the end of December, pre-tax profits rose from £320.1 mil-

lp up at 1104p.
Rob Rowley, finance director, said the substantial rise

in net cash was the result of a continued focus on cash management and capital expenditure. Working capital requirements fell by £55 million and capital expenditure declined from £195.5 million to £159.1 million. Interest receivable rose from £30.4 million to £49.6 million but Mr Rowley said that further growth this year would be restrained by a movement towards halfyearly and quarterly billing. Revenues advanced 7.1 per cent from £1.37 billion to £1.47 billion. But operating

Wickes recovers in second half but stays in red

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

WICKES, the timber and DIY group which had a res-cue rights issue a year ago, saw some recovery in the sec-ond half of last year but not enough to push the group back into pre-tax profit.

For the year to end-Decem-ber 1991, Wickes made a pretax loss of £6.72 million, an improvement on the £7.84 an lost in th year. Turnover fell from £623 million to £526 million and there was an extraordinary charge of £3.38 million for losses on the sale of a hardwood processing business and the cost of withdrawing

from consumer credit. The interest charge of £16.8 million wiped out the £10.8 million operating profit and the loss per share was 2.1p compared with a 3.5p loss. No final dividend has been paid but the group intends to resume the payment of dividends in 1992 if progress is maintained.

In the second half, Wickes made a pre-tax profit of £6.2 million against a first-half loss of £12.9 million and the trend towards recovery continues. Henry Sweetbaum, the chairman, said: "Irrespective of the pace or extent of any economic recovery, but barring a further decline, I am confident that our profitability will continue to im-

prove during 1992."
Wickes' UK retail businesses increased profit before tax

24 per cent. In continental Europe, the rise for the same period was more than 80 per cent. Five stores were opened in Britain in 1991 and 12 are planned for 1992 with five more on the continent. By the end of the year the group will have more than 100.

Malden Timber returned to operating profit in the secber, is achieving like-for-like sales growth. The losses at Hunter Timber have fallen each quarter.

The group's gearing ratio is 119 per cent. Mr Sweetbaum nearly 80 per cent of the north-east brick market, less said: "Debt is no longer a threat, it's now a cost." He than 50 per cent of bricks in the South-West and nearly 40 expects it to fall annually as per cent of clay tiles nationalcash is generated. Last year ly. Both parties have indicat-£10.9 million was generated which, together with the £41.9 million raised in the rights issue, reduced borrow ings to £87.9 million. The shares rose 2p to 66p.



Sweetbaum: confident

SA talks lift Blue Circle

BLUE Circle Industries, the cement producer, is believed to be considering the sale of the group's.42 per cent stake in its South African associate company, in a deal that could net the British company in the region of £70 million (Martin Waller writes).

Blue Circle shares rose 7p to 261p after a short announcement that talks were in progress with Murray & Roberts, its joint venture partner, that "could have an effect on the share prices of the companies".

One suggestion in the market was that Blue Circle plans to sell out to Murray & Roberts. Each holds a 42 per cent stake, with the balance quoted on the Johannesburg stock exchange, where the shares have risen two rand to R34.50 (£5.47) recently. At that price the compay is worth just short of R1 billion.

Steetley, one of the central to manoeuvre is limited by the planks of the restructuring need to keep enough of the now taking place in the buildbusiness to make the level of ing materials industry, has cost savings they are looking been sent back to London by for with the merger. Brussels for a ruling on com-Gerald Corbett, Redland's petition by the Office of Fair finance director, said: "The Trading. The decision, which repreindustry needs restructuring. sents a victory for Peter Lilley,

Steetley and Tarmac's room

We've always maintained that undertakings are the ideal way to resolve any competition issues raised and we are happy to consider any that are appropriate."

A significant sector of the market believes the Redland bid will not succeed, however. Steetley's share price, up 4p at 344p, is 50p below the shares terms on offer from

G7 threat could aid trade talks

BY COLIN NARBROUGH **ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT**

THE government hopes the threat of an emergency Group of Seven (G7) summit will break the deadlock in world trade talks. Peter Lilley. the trade secretary, said yesterday that a successful out-come to the talks was desirable by mid-April.

The prime minister said on

Tuesday, after discussions in London with Dan Quayle, the American vice-president, that a speedy and successful conclusion to the trade talks was "imperative". Mr Quayle made clear that Washington shared this view.

However, the meeting be-tween Mr Major and Mr Quayle appears to have pro-duced no fresh support for the idea of an emergency summit, put forward last week by Jürgen Möllemann, Germany's economics minister. To underline the German view that a Gatt agreement was more important for world growth than lower European interest rates, Herr Möllemann proposed that the G7 leaders meet to break the deadlock arising from the differences over farm

Mr Lilley said summits were not always the best forum for working out differences. It was up to Germany, as current G7 chairman, to call a summit.

It could, however, be advantageous to have the threat ed that they will consider trade and farm minister closures or disposals to avoid a "sword of Damocles". trade and farm ministers like

Oil talks aimed at cutting output

OIL ministers held bilateral talks in Geneva yesterday hoping to pave the way for a general accord by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries to reduce output and secure higher oil

On the first day of the full ministerial meeting the afternoon session was delayed to allow individual members more time to prepare the groundwork for agreement on a formula that would allow production cuts of between 5

per cent and 7 per cent. Most oil ministers agree Opec should reduce output from 24.2 million barrels per day (bpd) to between 22.5 million bpd and 23 million bpd to meet expected secondquarter demand of around 22.8 million bpd.

Iran is among those who believe the proposed cuts will not go far enough. Gholamreza Aqazadeh, the Iranian oil minister, said Opec should immediately cut cutput to between 22 million bpd and 22.5 million bpd.

Support for Iran's position has emerged from an unlikely ally, Venezuela. Celestino Armas, Venezuela's oil minister, said second-quarter demand could fall below 22 million bpd, taking a more pessimistic view than other members.

The Latin Americans normally adopt a moderate stance on oil prices but the recent attempted coup has put pressure on the Venezuelan government to raise addi-

Political considerations also influence the position of Algeria, whose government has clashed with Islamic fundamentalists and is feeling the economic pressure of low oil prices. The main block to an

agreement is the refusal of Opec's smaller producers to accept cuts on a pro-rata ba-sis. Saudi Arabia, which pro-duces around 8.5 million bpd, wants all members to bear the brunt, thus maintaining its share of Opec's output at 35 per cent. But Ecuador and Gabon argue that such a step would force them to pump less oil than specified in Opec's July 1990 agreement. That accord pegged production at just below 22.5 million bpd.

They suggested Opec may attempt to strike a compromise, providing a safety net for smaller producers. Under such an accord, bigger producers would absorb the relatively small amounts of cuts that would push any member below its quota

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Swiss take first faltering steps in fallibility and keep unemployment at very low even if not quite as intended, in that

profits rose by less than I per

cent to £290.5 million. The

total number of staff fell by

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU **EUROPEAN BUSINESS** CORRESPONDENT

GONE are the days when the Swiss could simply plod on in isolation from the rest of the world, unaffected by wars or recessions. Over the last year, Switzerland has made tremendous efforts to become,

admit yesterday that in 1991 the proud Alpine Federation incurred a budget deficit, the first in over five years, which the ministry blames on "lack of discipline in public spending". Worse still, according to the ministry, the deficit was neither wanted nor forecast, and in that

shock. Perhaps developments such as this will give us the much-vaunted European economic convergence.

a once rock-solid economy appears Mediterranean standards. Germany is the other example of such convergence, although it has an excuse for the moment.

from developments in neighbouring economies. What must be truly galling for the Swiss is that they

Annual inflation, at 4.9 per cent in January, has come down from the

6.5 per cent peak last July, although it is still higher than Germany's or to converge to rather laxer . even Britain's. The economy is in the middle of a recession, with GNP expected to have fallen by 0.7 per cent in 1991, according to estimates by the government's commission for economic affairs.

Switzerland it means that the jobless total has risen by 134 per cent between the end of 1990 and

converging towards European standards. If Switzerland does join the European Community eventually, its restrictive immigration laws will no longer be able to contain the population size

More gloom is expected for the current year. Germany is falling into

recession, and its problems will spill Despite a package of spending cuts, the Swiss government is now resigned to accepting that there will

ment problem or even an urban

congestion problem. of Community funds.

While Switzerland's SFr2 billion Traditionally, Switzerland has one (E780 million) 1991 deficit is less of the best unemployment records of than I per cent of gross national all western economies. In December at last, just like the rest of us. The Swiss finance ministry had to product and therefore does not quite the unemployment rate was 1.9 per match Italian or Belgian profligacy. cent, which might be low compared it nevertheless shows that the with other countries, but in country can no longer isolate itself

The rate is accelerating,

over into Switzerland, in the same way as last year's rise in German inflation was "successfully" exported to all of its neighbours.

be another budget deficit this year. Perhaps when Switzerland finally joins the EC. in 1999 or in 2099, its economy may have caught up completely. It already has a drugs problem, and might conceivably aspire to a tax evasion problem, an immigration problem, an unemploy-

Who knows? Switzerland might even turn out to be a net beneficiary

cannot blame Europe's exchange rate mechanism, as everyone else does, because they do not belong to sense the news came as rather a Switzerland's recent economic perfor nance makes grim reading.

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Reuters poised for a year of growth

climbed from 1,032p to as a Tempus tip for 1992 and perform. Final results for 1991 highlighted the company's cash generating qual-ities and quick response to a deterioration in trading

Live tests of Reuters' automated foreign exchange trading desks by 30 banks in London and New York have been successfully concluded and actual trading is possible within weeks. Meanwhile Globex, the automated futures trading system, is also on trial. When these new products come on stream, boosting new orders, doubledigit growth should resume, probably by the end of this

Pre-tax profits in 1991 increased by 6.3 per cent to £340.3 million and earnings per share by 10.5 per cent to 54.7p. That was in line with expectations. The dividend is up 13.3 per cent to 17p.

A downturn in operating margins was inevitable, given depressed demand, but the decline from 21 per cent to 19.8 per cent was compounded by a £29 million provision against depreci-ation Rationalization costs absorbed a further £23.5

These negative points were offset by an increase in cash held from £448 million at the interim stage to £503 million, more than double last time's year-end figure. Workcapital was reduced by million and capital expenditure was clipped back from £195.5 million to £159.1 million.

A move towards half-yearly and quarterly — rather than annual — billing will delay cash receipts and restrain growth in interest incomé. 50 further reorganisation costs are likely.

A 5 per cent rise in earnings leaves the shares on a price/earnings ratio of 19. which might not yet fully reflect long-term potential.

Watmoughs AS A recent United Kingdom publishing success story. Hello magazine is in a class

But Watmoughs (Hold-ings), the rather slow moving and conservative print group, yesterday announced that it has now won a slice of

the action through a lucrative five-year contract to print Hola, the glitzy, celebrity gossip glossy, its Spanish forerunner, and Blanco Y Negro, another Spanish magazine. The company is not reveal-

ing the size of the contracts, but analysts believe they are in the region of £25 million annually with profits of perhaps £2 million to £3 million The magazines will be printed at a new £36 million plant near Madrid being

The investment is being financed initially through a 122.3 million one for four rights issue at 350p a share, a discount of about 20 per

Profits before tax last year are forecast by the company at not less than £8 million and analysts are pencilling in between £11 million and £12 million for the current finan-

Earnings per share of 28p are possible, putting the share on a forward multiple of more than 15 times, compared with about 20 times for St Ives, the other leading quoted printer. Big overseas expansions

always carry a degree of risk. This one, however, seems to have been longer in the planning stage and better thought through than most others have been. Watmough's manage is well regarded in the City and the rights are likely to be

well supported.

SINCE its transformation from the original British Tar Products by Frank Buckley, the chairman, BTP has set up its stall in a distinctly unglamorous corner of spec-ialist chemicals, supplying adhesives, flame retardants and the like to a range of

But shareholders have had little to complain about. Dur-

140p to fund European expansion, the shares have added more than [1, so it is perhaps appropriate that the company is now repeating.

This time BTP is raising £28.3 million by means of a one-for-six rights at 205p. The money will be used to buy a clutch of adhesives businesses supplying the building and shoe industries in Process and Garman for in France and Germany, for which the company is paying £8.8 million, and to fund further expansion plans. These include various acquisitions around the world, as well as the building of a production plant for preservative biocides.

The market is inclined to The market is inclined to hack Mr Buckley's proven acquisition skills, and BTP shares, off 10p to 242p, are still a few pence above the theoretical ex-rights. Forecast dividends for the year to end-March offer a prospective yield of close to 5 per

For the next financial year, once the rights money is in. Jeremy Chantry, chemicals mayst at Kientwort Benson, has raised his pre-tax profits forecast for BTP by £3 million to £24 million, suggesting a big forward earnings multiple of almost 15. Investors should take up their rights, but at current levels the charge do not look smeth. chasing too hard.



Acquisition skills: Frank Buckley, chairman of BTP

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Apathy reigns in absence of economic upturn

THE Bank of England's confirmation that the economy is still in the grip of recession was greeted with a certain amount of scorn by fund They have been aware of

the state of the economy for some time and have been resigned to sitting firmly on the sidelines waiting for the first glimmer of hope on the economic or political front. At present, as far as they are concerned, there is little likelihood of either. As a result, the equity market remains in a mood of apathy,

with share prices losing ground on lack of interest. The FT-SE 100 index ended at its low for the day with a fall of 13.4 at 2,523.7 on turnover of 448 million

Government securities managed to muster gains of E's in thin trading.

Reports that Blue Circle may have received an offer for its 42 per cent stake in Blue Circle (South Africa) lifted the shares 6p to 260p. Dealers say any sale is likely to realise

were mixed as fund managers began reassessing the sec-tor in the wake of this week's hefty profit downgradings and fears about dividend cuts. Dealers reported switching from one stock to another with Royal Insurance rallying 9p to 229p as investors took the view that the shares may have bottomed out. Sun Alliance was also 2p better at 271p. However, dividend womes left General Accelest 11p worse off at 414p with Commercial Union 11p

cheaper at 433p. ok, the container and trailer rental group, fell 24p to 350p on talk of another bear raid, the third in the past few months. A number of brokers ciaim Tiphook is a hard company to follow because it has a complicated balance sheet. In the current nervous climate, these are the type of companies that fund managers are inclined to give a wide berth.

Steetley rose 4p to 344p as the European Commission handed back the investiga-tion of the proposed merger of the group's building prod-ucts division with those of Tarmac to British authorities.

TIPHOOK: THE BEAR RAIDS CONTINUE 550 Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan

Tarmac was unchanged at Cooklin, chief executive. Mr to respond to this week's bet-119p. Steetley is currently the Cooklin goes after only 15 ter than expected third-quar-Redland, down 1p at 464p. expected to receive a payoff of Burton Group held steady expected to receive a payoff of E773,000. He will be succeedat 36p despite facing up to. ed by John Hoerner, chair-

Watch high-flying Clarke Poods, the USM ice cream maker, headed by the ambitious Harry Clarke. A month ago the group paid Allied-Lyons £12 million for its Lyons Maid ice cream business, financed by a £6.8 million cash call at 60p. The shares closed last night 6p up at 109p. Durlacher West, the broker, forecasts a jump in earnings from 6.2p to 23.5p this year, and 37.7p next time.

the prospect of forking out another large sum after the

man of the group's Deb-enhams subsidiary. British Airways continued

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253p. British Adrospace suffered another nervous session, falling 13p to 269p as it announced plans to axe a further 2,350 jobs.

Worries about property values also left P&O 12p lower at 398p, after touching 393p. The shares were spooked by whispers that its joint property venture with Elliott Bernerd, Chelsfield, had run into problems. The bears say P&O may soon have to con-

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tend with some hefty write-downs. P&O says there is no truth to the story. Smith New Court, stockbroker, also takes a more cautious view of prop-erty companies in its latest review of the sector. This pro-duced falls in British Land 4p to 249p, Hammerson 12p to 485p, Land Securities 10p to 457p; MEPC-10p to 367p, and Perty Bilton 8p to 445p.

The decision by BZW to withdraw a controversial re-port on thereffects of proposed accounting changes on cer-tain/companies came as a relief to some of those mentioned in the publication. The report was due to be published last week but the consents were made known and resulted in a rash of nervous selling among the companies

BZW said it had withdrawn the report because it may have created a false pio ture of the financial position of the companies mentioned. These included Fisons, 1p lower at 374p, Ladbroke, 4p up at 219p, British Airways, P&O and Cable and Wireless, 4p up at 589p.

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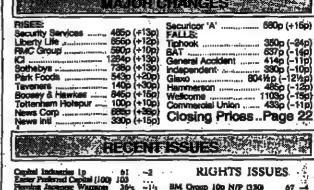
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New York - American blue chips were slightly lower in erratic morning activity, erasing a modest gain. The broad market remained narrowly weaker, but secondary stocks rebounded from two losing sessions. The Dow Jones industrial average was 2.23 points lower at 3,253.80. Declining shares held a slim lead over advancing shares.

Ricky Harrington, a technical analyst at Marion Bass Securities, said the market was likely to remain stuck in a tight range at least until Friday when the January American producer price index is released. Analysis said trading was likely to be subdued amid the Treasury's auction of ten-year notes yesterday and 30-year bonds today.



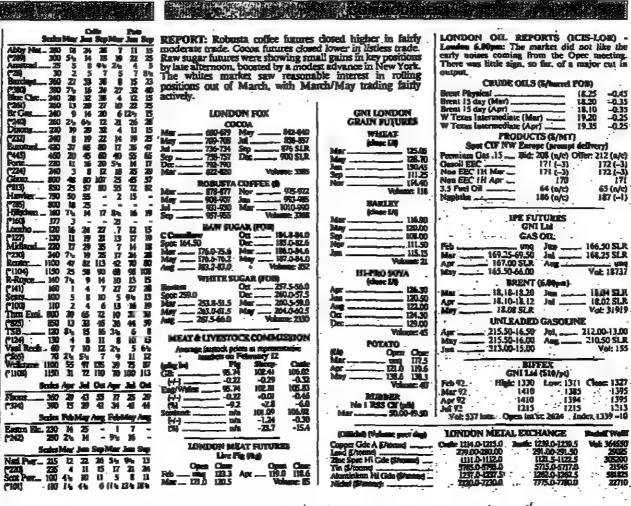


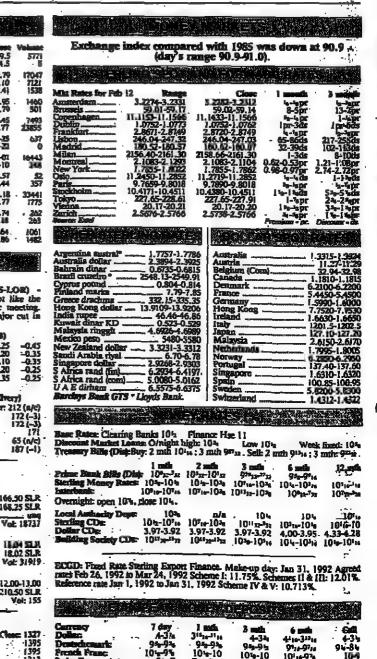
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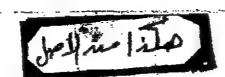
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The departure of yet another top executive from Burton Group clutching a handsome payoff highlights again the urgent need for transparency in setting executive remuneration.

Sir Ralph Halpern, departing chief executive Laurence Cooklin, and the two other beneficiaries of corporate largesse, did nothing illegal in arranging for themselves such handsome terms of employment and severance. Yet the scale of these payments in relation to the straitened circumstances in which the group finds itself will strike many Burton shareholders as gross.

But for a much-needed rights issue last year, the group would be far from a picture of financial health. The legacy of the departed quartet is a company stuck with a higher cost base than many of its rivals, a merchandise strategy that has yet to prove itself, and a level of profit that could not be described more positively than modest.

Nor do Burton's institutional shareholders emerge from this with credit. They allowed incentive schemes, which were arguably over-generous in the first place, to be modified and even failed to block ex-gratia payments in years when the incentive scheme resulted in reduced benefits.

If this government wishes the idea of an enterprise culture to survive untarnished, if payments are to be seen to match results rhore closely and if shareholders would prefer their money spent more wisely, some reforms are overdue.

Details of incentive schemes, board contracts, salaries and pension arrangements should be much more fully available before they are settled, and subject to a veto by shareholders in general meeting. The job is often too complex to be left to remuneration committees, especially ones made up of former executives within a group.

Hope deferred

eary voices of manufacturing industry, borne on the latest trends survey from the CBI, tell a tale of elusive optimism to match the elusive recovery the Bank of England described in its quarterly offering. Of the 11 regions, only the North-west and the West Midlands foresee any short-term improvement. Sadly, their optimism was misplaced before. And murmurs of confidence in two regions are no herald of national springtime.

Once so delphic, the Bank of England, in its survey of the economic scene sent a crystal-clear message to the government: trying to talk the economy up was an abysmal failure. Recovery not only failed to appear last year, dashing the hopes of the Governor and Chancellor alike, but could yet prove more clusive than even bearish forecasters dare believe.

The main risks to the feeble recovery the Bank half-heartedly expects some time this year are linked to private sector indebtedness arising from. the house price excesses of the late Eightles. Although it estimates that the personal sector reached its gearing peak at 15 per cent in the third quarter last year, and has moved back into financial surplus, the Bank fears consumers could still hold back. A fall in house prices of almost 5 per cent since mid-1989, and the lowest turnover in the housing market since 1977, are tailor-made to make the consumer reluctant to build up debt. A serious concern, though not a prediction, is that a further fall in house prices would keep the consumer depressed for a long time, putting recovery off even longer. But with the "recovery postponed" scenario blessed by the Bank, Norman Lamont has a stronger case for a taxcutting, election-winning Budget.

Oil sector placed over a barrel as worried investors ponder strategy

As the price of oil

struggles around

\$18, Martin Barrow investigates why

City institutions

are becoming increasingly nervous

Pmay display a united front in the face of persistent speculation about boardroom dissent, but institutional unease is unlikely to be

easily dispelled, particularly after today's financial results showing a sharp fall in annual earnings. The share price speaks volumes about the perception of BP. At a time when funds have been switching into blue chip companies with secure yields, BP's stock has fallen from a 12-month high of 357p last April to 285p. The fall gathered pace in October when concern arose

about the company's ability to fully cover 1991 dividend payments. Against this background it was inevitable that questions would be asked about the strategy pursued by Bob Horton, chairman since 1990. He believed that the price of oil would rise, slowly but surely, to about \$25 a barrel by the mid-Nineties, and since his appointment, BP has rapidly reinvented in itself as a global exploration and production company. Non-core assets, such as minerals and coal, have been sold, while assets in the tried and tested North Sea have been swapped for acreage in so-called frontier areas, such as Colombia.

With oil prices now struggling to find support at \$18 a barrel, institutional investors who switched heavily into the oil sector after crude prices shot ahead in the build-up to the Gulf war are nervous and Mr Horton is paying the price.

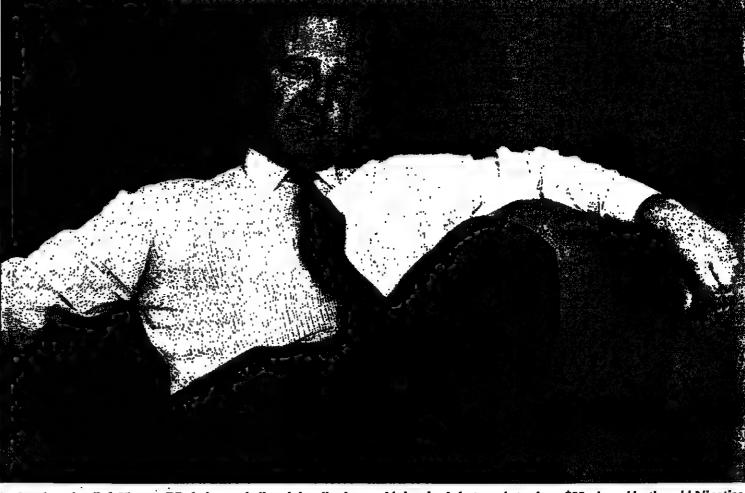
Lofty assumptions about oil prices

in the short- and medium-term were shattered when the first shot was fired in the Gulf and oil plummeted. from \$33 a barrel to \$18. Oil traders were not alone in being caught out. Fund managers were left with portfolios heavily weighted towards the oil sector and in the scramble to unwind have inevitably caused further damage to the oil and gas

One notable casualty has been Norwich Union, which has made no secret of its intention to offload a big proportion of its oil and gas invest-ments and said recently that rationalisation of the quoted sector was

favourably attempts to merge.

The FTA oil shares index has fallen 8 per cent in the past 12 months, underperforming the FTAall-share index 19 percentage points. Against the FT-SE 100 index, which is weighted towards the oil and gas sector with four oil companies — BP, Shell, Enterprise and Lasmo — boasting an aggregate market capitalisation of £35 billion, oil shares underperformed by 21 points. The underperformance was sharpest among exploration and production stocks, which, in 1991,



Paying the price: Bob Horton, BP chairman, believed the oil price would rise slowly but surely to about \$25 a barrel by the mid-Nineties

trailed the rest of the market 34.2

Even last year's largest bid, the £1.1 billion contested battle between Lasmo and Ultramar, failed to inspire the sector. Instead, the bid highlighted the shortcomings of the protagonists and compounded the sector's woes, removing lingering hopes of a recovery in the short term.

The belief remains that Lasmo acquired Ultramar on the cheap although its offer failed to hure other potential buyers of Ultramar's high quality American downstream assets into the open. As a result, the accuracy and validity of asset valuations for the entire sector were called into question.

Analysts argue forcefully that their valuations are not out of step with the market. David Basham, of Kleinwort Benson, contends that Lasmo's shares were undervalued because Ultramar succeeded in undermining confidence in the company's management. He points to recent cash deals, such as British Borneo's acquisition of North Sea assets from Norsk Hydro and BP's agreement with Neste Oy where companies paid up to \$5 a barrel for By contrast, most E&P stocks

trade at a discount to the industry's average finding costs of \$4.27 a barrel and are still well adrift of analysts' valuations. At 2350. Lasmo trades at an 18 per cent discount to SG Warburg's estimate of net asset value of 286p, calculated on a going-concern basis. Nomura values Enterprise Oil,

one of the better rated stocks, at 595p a share, against a current price of 431p. One significant change highlighted by Kleinwort Benson is that investors are no longer willing to attribute significant value to exploration acreage and tax shelter, particularly from petroleum revenue tax. If this is correct, it is bad news indeed for smaller E&P stocks, whose speculative appeal has always been that one big discovery lay just around the corner and that a cash-rich predator would conclude that it made greater financial sense to buy assets instead

ty, investors have focused on each oil company's ability to fund development costs and manage their own assets and have not been impressed by what they see, particularly among medium-sized E&P stocks. Shareholders have become impatient with the management of independents.

of hoping for success with the drill

In the absence of corporate activi-

Clyde Petroleum is a typical example. Its shares have fallen from a 12month high of 159p to 77p, reflecting unfavourable prospects. The company relied heavily on its shareholders to build up an international portfolio of assets, particularly in The Netherlands, Yemen and Malaysia, and, unlike many of its peers. does at least pay a dividend. However, its 1991 results are expected to show a decline in net income from £13 million to £8.5 million, according to Barclays de Zoete Wedd, and although the net dividend should rise from 0.75p a share to 1.25p a share, further growth is unlikely in the current year, implying a gross yield of only 2.2 per cent.

remier Oil and Gas has also disappointed investors. The company is only partly justified in blaming the badly handled placing of Burmah Castrol's holding in the company for a collapse in its share price from 87p in August 1990 to 29p. Although it has reaped the benefit of increased production from the Wytch Farm onshore oil field, an international exploration programme has had few successes. The shares offer no yield and have found little support at these depressed levels, even though UBS Phillips & Drew calculates net asset value of 54p a share.

Mr Basham said: "The nagging question is why do companies such as Enterprise and Lasmo continue to grow and offer favourable yields while other independents continue sh in the basement of the sector." His view is that perception will improve as the second generation of North Sea fields comes on stream in two years.

This may prove short-lived. Production profiles will peak in 1995, making it necessary to discover new eserves during the next 24 months. Drilling activity, however, robust in 1991, is expected to be curtailed this year, to release funds for developments that will be completed in 1994. With crude prices at current levels, the oil industry is hardly awash with cash and banks, which

have other problems to contend with, are proving reluctant lenders. Independent oil companies were active participants in last year's rights issue jamboree but many balance

sheets still look less than solid. This is particularly true of the sizeable group of American-based oil and gas companies that turned to London for funds in the Eighties. such as Richmond Oil and Gas, Exploration Company of Louisiana and Teredo Petroleum. The asset market in America is dead and gas prices are depressed. Low oil prices make mature oilfields uneconomical and American banks are as reluctant as their British counterparts to provide development funds. In addition, the environmental lobby is thwarting efforts to open up promis-

Where the sector goes from here is difficult to forecast. In London, there are whispers of a pickup in corporate activity in the spring when low oil prices are expected to depress not hold their breath. In the short term, the market is likely to see further asset swapping and some cash purchases by independents acting in concert. Full-blooded hostile takeovers will be rare.

The sector's fortunes are inextricably linked to the price of oil. With Opec producing more oil than the market requires, and with industrial demand expected to grow at a pedestrian pace this year and next, it is hard to see any significant recovery from current levels. It does not augur well for oil company shares.

A chippy off the old bank

The Late Page

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COUTTS & Co. the aristocratic bank, celebrates its tercentenary later this month with the launch of a history of the Coutts family, written by Edna Healey. To accompany the tome, the bank has reconstructed an interior scene of its office in the Strand circa 1692, building a life-sized tableau in the foyer for customers to admire. A desk and counter, included in the dis-play, and made from English oak, are likely to be of particular interest to Coutts employees, as they were made by an former colleague. Andrew Vickers gave up a secure job as a clerk in its Trustees department, also in The Strand, five years ago, to become a self-taught carpenter and furniture maker. He moved to Bath with his wife, Eileen, who still works for the Bristol branch of the bank. 'My wife has kept my name fresh there and I've worked for one or two of the managers, restoring furniture for them, and so the bank archivist thought of me when this came along," Vickers says.

First impressions

IF YOU are either unemployed or upwardly mobile, in career terms, and in search of a senior executive job. be warned. It isn't how you appear on paper that counts. but the impression you create when you walk through the door. Miles Broadbent, of Norman Broadbent, the head hunting partnership, which specialises in jobs with salaries of more than £70,000, claims he can usually tell if a candidate is right as soon as



"Sorry, Sir, you don't fit." they step into his Curzon Street office. "Getting the job is 20 per cent intellect, 20 per cent jobs you have done, and 60 per cent chemistry," he says. To be sure that his first impression was properly representative. Broadbent discloses that after an interview, he often telephones his receptionist to see if a candidate

had been courteous to her.

Changing fortunes

LIFE changes fast in the fast lane. In a list of the top 40 earners under the age of 45,

to be published in the March edition of GQ magazine, three no longer quality. Al-though Alan Sugar (total remuneration, salary plus dividends, £3 million) and Simon Weinstock (£2.4 million) doubtless still qualify for first and second place, brothers Kevin and Ian Maxwell, joint 29th, have had to forgo their £250,000 salaries. Meanwhile, in 39th place, is John Clegg, who grossed £153,000 from Wace, the printing group, last year. Clegg, aged 33, resigned from Wace ten days ago, as the company issued yet

another denial that it had any

links with "the IRA or any other terrorist organisation". He is quoted as saying: "My career has developed a bit quicker than I planned. It won't be long before Wace is one of the top 100 UK com-panies." Wace's capitalisa-tion has fallen from £123 million, a week before his resignation, to £73 million at the end of last week.

A NEW York Times *reader* offers this new wave acronym to follow the Yuppies generation.: "After the era of junk bonds, the savings and loan debacle and the mass layoffs on Wall Street, the appropriate tag for this generation is the bellyuppies."

Black view CONRAD Black, proprietor

of The Daily Telegraph, says he is unsure if the late Robert Maxwell's Mirror Group Newspapers Limited will be worth anything after the government forces it to pay back pension funds taken from employees. "No one knows what their [Mirror shares] real value is - if anything," Black has been telling a Toronto newspaper. "Whoever is the proud owner of these shares is going to get a letter from Her Majesty eventually requesting the replenishment of the pension fund surplus and until that sum can be reasonably precisely identi-fied, nobody is going to touch that stock." Black denied he is bidding for the Mirror. However, an official at Hollinger-Inc. his holding company in Toronto, said the company would at least like to know the details" if the Mirror group was put up for sale.

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From the President of the a factor). Rather, without leg-institute of Chartered islative backing the ASC Accountants in England

Sir, In his article "Taking a stand on standards" (February 6), Robert Bruce drew attention to the progress being made by the new system for setting and enforcing financial reporting stan-

In particular, he pointed to the crucial role of the Review Panel operating under the Financial Reporting Council. The accountancy profession sees the panel as a vital element for enforcement, and is providing it with strong sup-

I disagree with Mr Bruce, however, on his analysis of the reasons for the replacement of the old Accounting Standards Committee by the new system.

It was the profession itself which recognised the weak-nesses of the old ASC and then did something about it by setting up the Dearing Committee. The main weakness was not essentially about the divided structure of the profession (although that was

could not overcome the ability of vested interests in industry and commerce to weaken the content of standards which, then as now, should operate to eliminate undue flexibility in financial reporting. It should not be thought

that the old system was so weak that companies ignored standards, and that auditors turned a blind eye to this, as Robert Bruce states. Some standards were too broad and this was exploited, but compliance was the norm and auditors were obliged to report on breaches - as they

Finally, we ought to remember that the standards which the Review Panel, backed now by legislation, is enforcing are those developed by the ASC. Yours faithfully.

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Fitting service

From Mrs Myrtle Hirsh Sir, Shoe shops are not all bad (David Walton's letter, February 5).

My grand-daughter, aged three, needed a pair of party shoes and a pair of walking shoes. She has a very slender foot, which makes shoe fitting tedious and difficult.

The lady assistants in our Clarks, Chiswick High Road, shop, measured, and tried on many pairs and conferred with each other - as well as consulting relatives and the small customer herself with CAROL LEONARD due seriousness about the

comfort of each pair tried. They waited patiently while the child inspected in the mirror the style, and lifted up a foot and pronounced the soles were "nice too"! Staff training and staff

selection were a credit to Clarks. No. I don't have any financial interest in the company! Yours faithfully. M.N. HIRSH.

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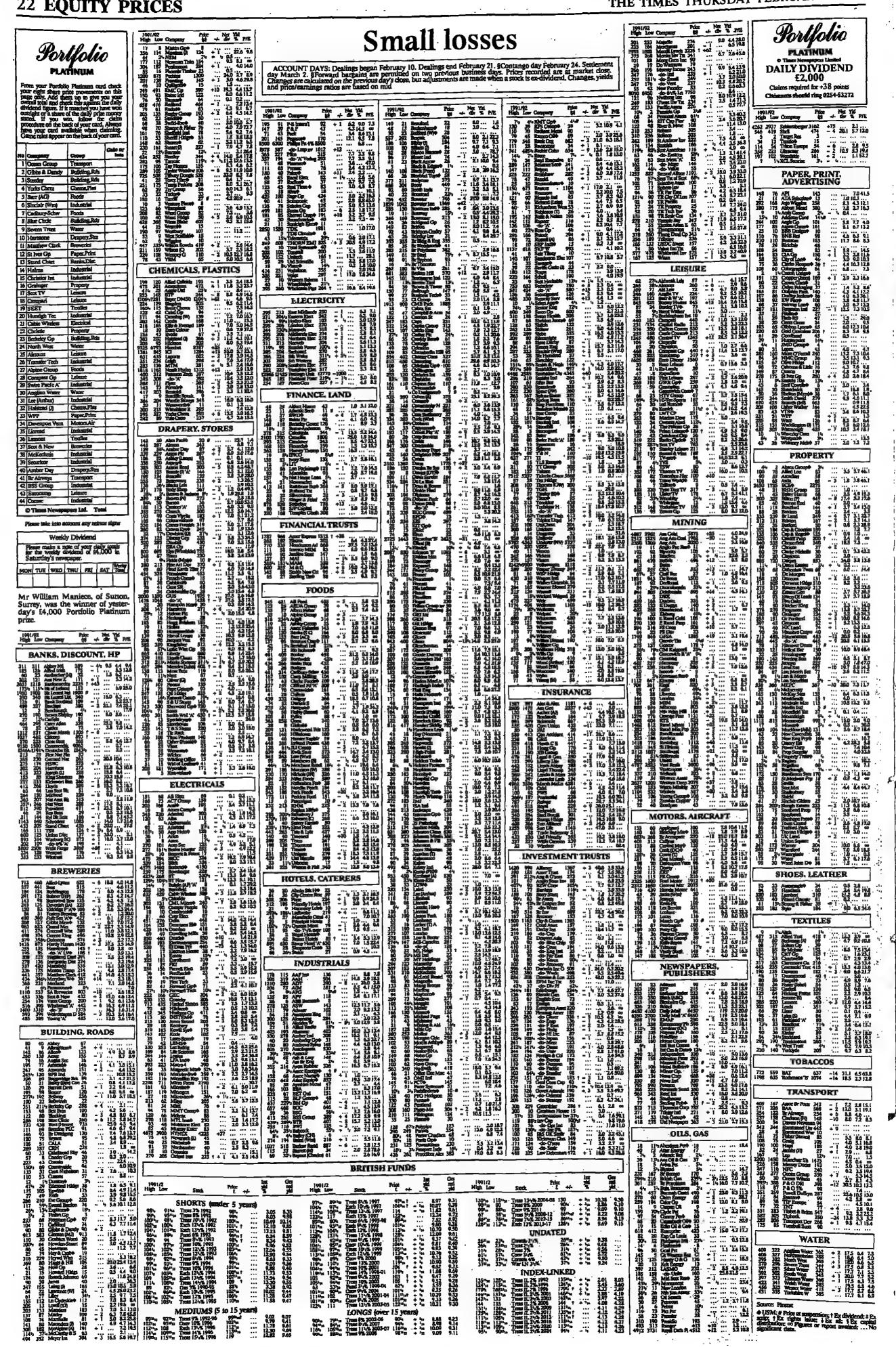
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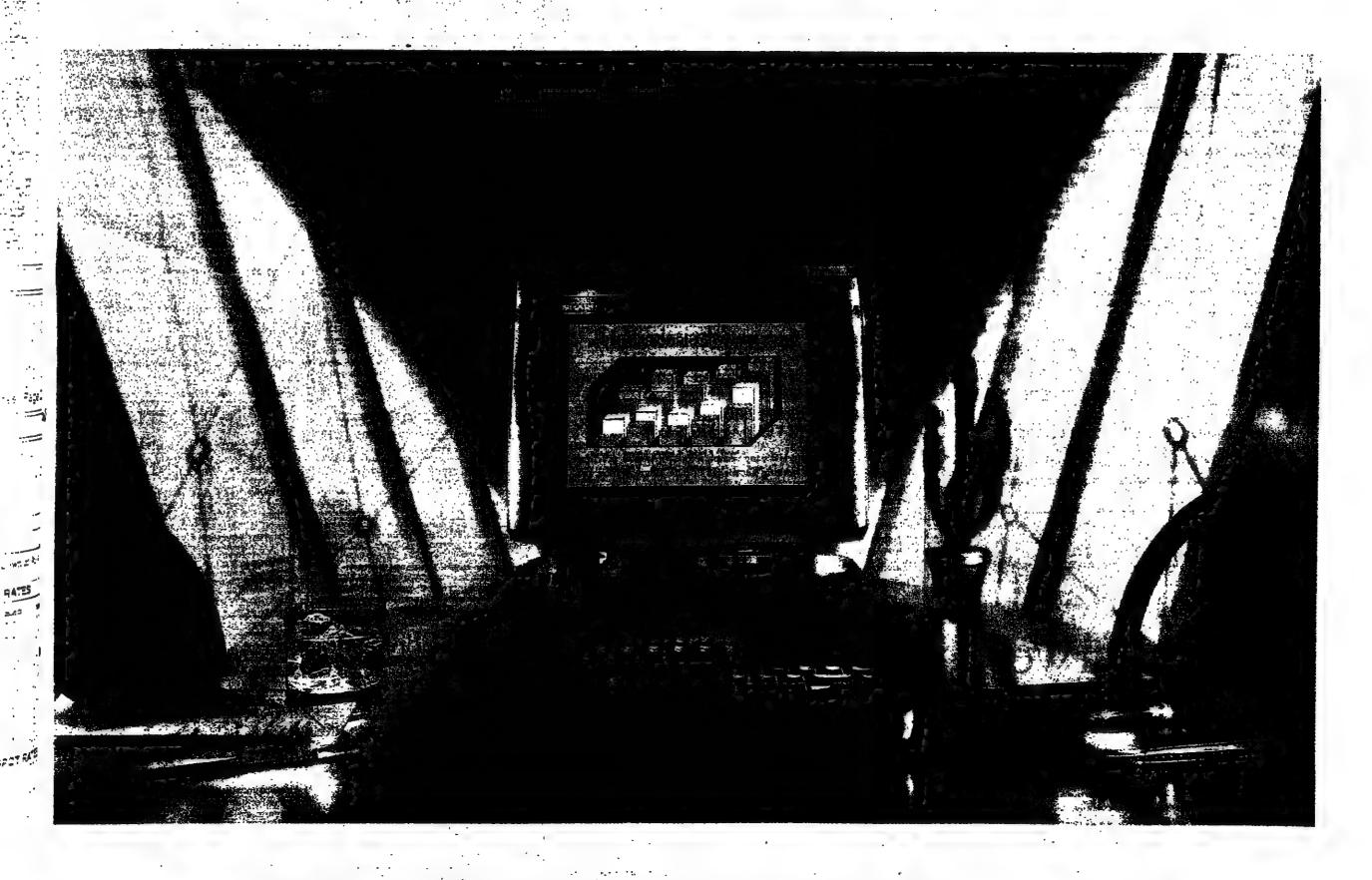
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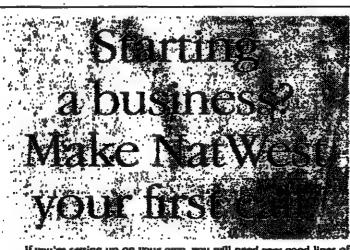
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The ICA is holding its first real election for top office. Graham Searjeant reviews the candidates and Robert Bruce assesses their chances

President waits in the wings

cise in democracy in choosing a future stitute of Chartered Accountants has not exactly produced challenges from rebel outsiders. All three candi-dates for the vice-presidency head important institute committees or groups and sit among only 11 members of the management committee.
If they wished to become president, they would probably have "emerged" in due course under the old system.

The election has, none the less, produced surprising interest, particularly among the unentranchised members of the 22 district societies in London and round the country. Carryassing, apart from the for-mal manifesto, is banned. Before these were penned, it was clear that they represented three strands in the rapid rethink now going on in the conduct of the profession. Both Patrick Brenan, of

Minories Finance, and Roger Lawson, a 3i director, are among the small minority of council members not in prac-tice, even though five out of nine institute members work in business rather than accountancy firms. As Mr Lawson points out, the institute has had only three presidents from the

business side in 114 years. Chris Swinson, the third candidate, is managing part-ner of Binder Hamlyn, one of the eight most prominent firms. In that sense, he is also something of a rarity. In earlier days, the rolls of presidents were thick with the names of Cooper, Deloitte, Peat, Waterhouse, Whinney and in 1948-9. Bernhard Binder. Since 1970, however, many leading accountants have found they have to choose between the demands of institute work needed for office and top management of inter-

approval for all the working time and effort they will lose is the first pre-requisite for any-one even thinking of institute office. The majority of members, many of them in tradi-tional small practices, also

distrust big firm dominance.
In the debates now consuming the profession, all three candidates carry the colours of reform, but they are riding different horses. Mr Swinson, a technical accounting expert and chairman of the institute's financial reporting group, has strongly promoted reformed accounting standards and strengthening the audit side of the profession, and is a sought-after technical witness in the High Court.

Mr Brenan heads the institute's professional conduct recent controversial initiative. This approaches the "compromised auditor problem from the other direction, question-ing the ethics of firms that make loss-leader bids for audits or go along with opinion shopping. Mr Brenan says that, facing a three year lad-der of office at the age of 64, this is his last chance. For Mr Lawson, a stalwart

of the powerful London society, the long-standing campaign had been to stop practising accountants losing touch with the wider world of business and its needs. His thinking has made spectacular headway in recent years with non-auditors and even non-accountants now represented on the Financial Reporting Council and even the professional inner sanctum of the Auditing Practices Board. "That is all to the good" he says. It means that the rulemakers have greater authority and can stick by what they say. If the Cadbury committee clarifies the financial responsi-bilities of company directors.



In touch: Roger Lawson is keen on maintaining links with business and its needs

the public wants. Mr Lawson remains anxious that the advent of continental-style registered auditors could drive a wedge between the two sides of the profession in Britain. Unless the profile of accountants is raised in business the 100-year dominance of accounting values could yield to the business schools.

The candidates' unified purpose and different perspectives seem to be generating, in a suitably modest way, the sort of party feeling redo-lent of elections where there and top management of international firms... that will demand a response
Ian McNeil, the 1991-2 from the profession to define
president, says that winning the wider role for auditors that

inner caucus and the presidential ladder.

Mr McNell says the role is time-consuming as presidential duties are shared with deputyand vice-president. While the president speaks at all 22 district society dinners, for in-stance, the vice-president attends many smaller branches. Mr McNeil redons being deputy president consumed half his time and vice-president a third. The presidency is a full-time job for a year. For the first few weeks of his term, Mr McNeil found himself filling out the



Brenan: last chance

Opening the door of democracy

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NEXT Monday is the closing date for voting in what has been a startling excursion into democracy by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. For the first time in its history the members of its council have been voting in a contested election for the next vice-president.

Traditionally, like so many professional bodies over the past century, the next but one man to become president (and the English ICA has never contemplated the idea of a woman candidate) has somehow just emerged from a series of unspoken alliances and soundings put together by a senior

But this year the institute has made what it sees as a great step into the unknown and allowed any member of its council who could drum up eight nominees amongst their 77 fellow council members to stand for election. And so three brave (or foolhardy) souls have emerged blinking into the sun-

light dutching their short policy statements of a maximum of 300 words. It may not appear the most controversial of events. But democracy has always been viewed with some suspicion by those at the institute. There is a lot to be said for the argument that democratic elections to the council via its district society structure has filled the place with more than its fair share of the visionless and the indecisive. Although the press has cam-paigned lengthly to have the council's morthly secret delib-erations opened up to the public, it might be for the best if they remained closed. Groan-

ing slightly as he said so, one of the most senior and one of the brightest of the council members described its deliberations privately last week as "balls-achingly dull".

As you might expect, there have been at-tempts at reform. After all, you are talking about the governing body of the largest ac-countancy institute in Europe. A month ago, the council deliberated on proposals to reform itself. One of the key points was to install an effective executive body to run the institute and reduce the monthly council meetings to a twice-yearly policy-making assembly. The council did not take kindly to the idea of reforming itself out of existence. It chucked the proposals out.

But reform has to come. That is why the contested election for vice-president is so important. Although he will not make it to the top until June 1994, the influence of having someone there who has actually campaigned on specific policies and is seen to have a mandate for particular actions will have an invigorating effect on the will to change.
The three people who are standing are very

different from each other and come from different backgrounds. Pat Brenan, the oldest, comes from a solid City background and has the benefit of having campaigned for greater democracy in the council for years. He is also realistic in what he has to say: "In crucial areas of public interest we have tried to defend, or turned a blind eye upon, indefensible practices and have thus failed the real long-term interests of members."

This Brenan line is also touched upon by

Roger Lawson, the second candidate, who is seen as the candidate representing accountants in industry and commerce. Crucially, he argues that the institute must "develop a means of commenting generally on matters of public concern without reference to the specific circumstances or names of those

Or to put it another way, the institute should not shrink from thundering out condemnation of shoddy and inept work or blatant conflicts of

interest just because it is embarrassed to find one or other of the largest firms in the country standing accused of it. Chris Swinson, the third candidate, is the candidate seen as represent-ing the practising world. He is a solid citizen indeed. But he too has to revert to code for some of his proposals. He suggests that his proposals "would be assisted by encouraging council to be-come a more effective forum in which to debate the long-term

issues facing the profession". In other words, he would like to reform council out of its current existence. But Swinson has as many enemies as he has friends. The single transferable vote system will work against

people who are seen by many to be occasionally arrogant. He infuriated many recently by putting forward the eminently sensible view that audit firms should not be allowed to supply consultancy services to audit clients. This did not win him friends in the biggest of firms.
So the likely winner, come the March 3 an

nouncement, would seem to be the affable and dependable Lawson. But the chances of council going for the safety of tradition and so letting Brenan in should not be discounted. Whoever it is will have a mighty task. Some

of the institute's recent market research findings on how its members see it were given in Accountancy Age last week. The three main findings were "ignorance, apathy and cynicism". And one anonymous member summed it up: "As soon as you see something wrapped in plastic you say 'It's from the institute and bin it." The author is the Associate Editor of

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The candidates' manifestos

YOU do not need reminding that the profession faces hostile criticism, not only from predictable quarters but, vehemently, from many members. Council represents 85,000 working members for all of them their qualification is vital to their liveli-hood. What are we doing wrong, or not doing, that loses us support.
Three things, I believe. In crucial areas of

public interest we have tried to defend, or turned a blind eye upon, indefensible prac-tices and thus failed the real long-term interests of members. Presentation of policies has lacked vigour and effect. And, I fear, we do not catch members' imagination and interest: they find us boring

As a profession we must stand for interrity, rigour and responsibility or we are nothing. This is what protecting the qualification means. If members want to continue being chartered accountants we cannot follow the route "members' interests right or wrong": trade associations don't have royal charters. By leadership and persua-sion we must show where real interest lies. Vital messages must be punched home, reasons and objectives spelt out.

I believe "openness" is the most impor-trant initiating of recent times. One most in

tant initiative of recent times. Openness in practice as well as in principle; openness allied to participation and democracy as in this election which, in the past, I alone openly advocated. I believe in treating members and council alike as intelliger people, who, given opportunity and facts, will make right decisions.

And with openness, let's introduce a little style: show enthusiasm and convey it. capture hearts as well as minds. Our members might then be readier to support us. I joined council in 1976; I am now 64, over-age for re-election but with three years to serve. If elected vice-president, my re-

maining term would encompass my years



Swinson: personal commitment

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I am pledged to honour these commitments for the good of our institute and the whole of its membership.

HOGER EAWSON

I AM proud to be a chartered accountant. I have been chairman of the London society and the board for chartered accountants in business, and I am now the chairman of accountancy business group. I have partici-pated actively on the management com-mittee (as one of the elected members) and shall continue to do my best to serve you. all. If elected, my priorities will be to:

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☐ Ensure public awareness of our determnation to deal with transgressions of our

ethical guidelines. I also believe in the need to: support all efforts to ensure the basic ethos of integrity, independence and professionalism is maintained support prescriptive accounting standards, enforce compliance more rigorously, reinforce auditors' independence and actively support the PRC; moni-tor student training on a regular basis to ensure that the newly qualified chartered accountant meets the needs of the market; and recognise that, whilst the institute's balance sheet is strong we must strive for sufficient income to cover all expenditure and a wider range of services and, at the same time, ensure costs are kept under regular review and waste-time is eliminated

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accountants in the South-West and Wales. According to a survey by Michael Page. the recruitment consultant. the region fares worse than most when it comes to perks. For example, while 73 per cent of Scottish partqualifieds have company pension schemes, in the South-West and Wales it is 20 per cent. As for bonus schemes, while 40 per cent of Northern part-qualifieds benefit from one, only a fifth of that number do so in the South-West and Wales. Private health plans are twice as common in London as in the South West and Wales. Only

in terms of mortgage schemes

does the region come top of the league. But even then only 13 per cent gain benefits. So if you are looking for the land of opportunity, do not go

Pension facts

ACCORDING to Pensions in the Community, a new guide from Clifford Chance, the City law firm, Britain and Ireland are the only countries where neither pension fund investments nor fund managers' residences are subject to investment restrictions. The guide is a mine of information. For example, the value of pension funds in the EC is estimated at 700 billion ecu (£985 billion), and the EC country with the oldest pensionable age is Denmark, where men and women have to be 67 before they can claim state pensions.

England's devotion to all-purpose players bodes well in the build-up to the World Cup

Late Pringle aggression pays off

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN DUNIEDIN

THE virtue of packing a oneday cricket team with allpurpose players was readily apparent here yesterday. England, having first been almost embarrassed by bowling options, were then extracted from the mire and carried to victory by a No. 9 baisman playing as convinc-ingly as anyone in the game.

England had eight poten-tial bowlers in their side and ten batsmen with a first-class century. It was no accident. Their planning for the World Cup, now only nine days hence has focused on depth in all departments, and here

was the vindication. A fifth consecutive one-day international win was the least impressive of the sequence, but Graham Gooch. the England captain, could still afford a satisfied smile at

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New Zealand won toss

R T Latham run out

Sent back on misfield by gully
A H Jones b Botham

Played across straight bail
M J Greatbatch c Stewart b Reeve
Fenced at ball which fitted and laft
'M D Crowe c sub tillingworth

Drove high to right of cover
K R Rutherlord run out
Sent back looking for second run

Sent back looking for secend run
C I Hama b Pringie
Beaten by slower bell
C L Ceirns b Lewis

Total (7 wkts, 201min, 50 overs) ...

Rutherford's 50: 113min, 63 bells, 3 fours.

Afteropted to pull good-length ball J Lamb low b Latham

Total 17 wkts, 198 mins, 49,1 overs).

scrose streight ball no Rutherford b Latha I drive to extra-cover

"G A Glooch & Smith to Larger Fenced 41 kg-cutter G A Hick low b Morrison

Gooch's Essex team-mate, Derek Pringle, settled the game. England, requiring 187 to win, were a precarious 165 for seven, with three overs left, when Pringle joined Dermot Reeve.

these simulations.

slow-medium bowlers."

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Gled Harris for six to see

him out of the attack. On came the annarently innocu-

ous Latham and, within three

balls, Botham and Stewart

had gone and England were

It was that sort of day:

neither side's innings ever

quite taking off in the way an

exoberant crowd of 10,090

will still have some home con-

tented, because the man-of-

the match award went to Ken

Rutherford, who could proba-

bly stand for mayor of Dun-

Many of them, however,

truggling once more.

would have wanted.

It was still tight when .11 were needed from nine balls but Pringle, who has belatedly begun to hit the ball with power appropriate to his size, made it look easy.

Two firmly struck fours off Danny Morrison removed even the prospect of last-over tension from this undistinguished game and left the conscientious Reeve, who had at one point looked dangerously bogged down, to finish it with another four off the suffering Cairns.

Playing under pressure at the end is what counts," Gooch said later. "We play so much overs cricket at home



Spot the ball: determined Pringle punching his weight for victory yesterday

posed. Rutherford is probably the most popular cricketer in New Zealand at the moment. remarkable for one of such modest international achieve-

Jones and Growe had wasted a sound start against some varied and controlled Engreached 50, Rutherford was ment, and here in his home the subject of a strange and town he is the player everyone amusing ritual, scores of his supporters rushing on to the He batted stylishly and field only as far as the fielding

A ALEXANDER

edin and be returned unop- well, as he needed to after circles, where, in unison, they

hero. Reeve and Pringle may nevland bowling. When he er command such devotion, but they are the type of utility land's prospects for the coming six weeks are firmly

Wessels struggles for runs as his team takes shape

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN ADELAIDE

THE reborn South Africans picked up their first victory in Australia here yesterday when they beat a side rejoicing in the title of the South Australian Cricket Association and Australian Institute of Sport Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy Combined XI. The South Africans made 224 for eight from their 50 overs, their opponents 179

Being sent to the Academy. which was started in Adelaide in 1987, is the nearest thing there is to being awarded a cricketing scholarship in Australia. By no means all the best young players avail themselves of it, some preferring to make their own way; but, of those who have, a couple of dozen have so far gone on to play Sheffield Shield crickes.

This combined side fielded well yesterday, and bowled as most modern sides do, at a fairly uniform speed, except for James Stewart, from Perth, where he has studied as an orthodox left-arm spinner under Tony Lock, of Surrey, England and Western Australia. His ten overs would have met with his mentor's approval.

Of the young Australian bassmen, Darren Webber, of Adelaide University, played so well and so forcefully that he should be in the South Australian side when Eng-land are in Adelaide next, in

The South Africans will be delighted to have seen Hudson and Kirsten run into form with the bat. Unlike Kirsten. Hudson may have had his doubts as to whether he was good enough to be here. He will know now that he is, for he played nicely and is not short of strokes. Together these two added 122, a reassuring partnership but one

which left little time for those in the middle order to

The next match for the South Africans, against Pakistan at Canberra on Saturday, rates as a full one-day international, their first since they went to India three months ago. Wessels has not got to 20 yet, in any of his four innings, and that is a pity; but his side is taking shape. No team will field better in the World Cup.

They may not have a Colin Bland, but Rhodes is pure quicksilver, and they will be unmatched for intensity. They are also rightening up their bowling.

For the first few overs yes terday nobody could lay a bat on Pringle's outswingers, and it took the combination of Webber's assurance and Omar Henry's left-arm spin to get the home side's innings out of the stalls. Having said that, it would be unfair not to mention the best boundary catch I have seen from a 40year-old. Henry took it at deep square leg, throwing himself forward for a hard. low hit like someone half his

The South Africans' matches are being umpired at one end, until the World Cup starts, by Kari Liebenberg, who is to be their representative on the panel. That he has done pretty well may surprise cricketers of earlier generations who invariably returned from South Africa unanimous in the opinion that nowhere in the world did the umpiring make batting more of a lottery. Liebenberg's partner yesterday was David Shepherd, of England, who has also arrived in good time to play himself in.

SCORES: South Africana 224-7 (A C Hudson 81, P N Krasan 83). Combbad 36 179-9 (D Webber 78 not out). South Africana won by 45 numb.

Nye secures a record

New Plymouth: Lisa Nye, the . England wicketkeeper, made eight dismissals in an innings on the opening day of the third and final women's Test match here yesterday. Nye's achievement, made up of six catches and two stumpings. bears the record in men's Test

"It's great," she said. "It's the most I've ever taken in a match, not only for England

but in club cricket." England dismissed New Zealand for 142, but the home side could take some

heart at the end of the day as

over of the England first innings just before close of play. . Jo Chamberlain, the medi-

bowler, troubled all the New Zealand batswomen and her five-wicket performance was just reward for her tence and accuracy.

Man of the match: K R Rutherford (sulpidicator: 81. Boook). Umpres: B L Akindge and R S Dune. Previous match (Jan 11, Auckland): England won by seven wickets. Remainimatch: Feb 15, Christchurch. TESTERDAY'S RACING RESILETS

FALL, OF WICKETS: 1-21 (Hick), 2-54 (Gooch), 3-83 (Smith), 4-108 (Botham), 5-108 (Stewart), 5-131 (Lamb), 7-155 (Lawis), 8-108 (Stewart), 5-131 (Lamb), 7-155 (Lawis), 8-145 (Mingworth and P.C. R Tutnell did not bet: 80WLRIG: Monison 7-0-27-2 (w.3) (5-0-15-1, 2-0-11-1); 8u a.5-1-35-0 (w.7) (4-0-21-0, 4-1-14-0); Lamen (10-1-24-2 (one-speit): Canna.5-1-35-0 (w.8) (5-0-14-0, 3-1-0-25-0); Harris 10-1-85-0 (7-0-31-0, 3-1-8-0); Lathern 8-1-25-2 (one-speit).

PROGRESS: 10 overs: 38-1, 60:53min, 12-5 overs, 20 overs: 71-8, 100: 100min, 29 overs: 30 overs: 768-3, 40 overs: 132-6, 150: 167min, 44,6 overs

FALL OF WIGKETS: 1-14 (Lathern), 2-35 (Greatbatch), 3-64 (Jones), 4-89 (Growe), 5-163 (Harris), 6-170 (Cairns), 7-180 (Rutherford).

D K Morrison and G R Laten did not bet.

BOWLING: Pringle 10-231-1 (w. 1, b.1) (6-2-11-0, 4-0-20-1); Lewis 9-0-32-1 (nb-1) (6-0-20-0, 4-0-12-1); Reeve 8-1-19-1 (w. 2, nb-1) (one spell); Sothern 6-1-27-1 (one spell); Ringworth 6-1-33-1 (one spell); Tutnell 8-0-31-0 (one spell).

PROGRESS: 10 overs: 23-1, 50, 78min, 18.2 overs. 20 overs: 55-3, 80 overs: 95-4, 100: 124min, 32 overs. 40 overs: 131-4, 180: 164min, 43.2 overs.

Worcester

Going: anti (good to anti first two)
1.30 (2m hole) 1, Dancing Legend (N
8mm, 6-1), 2, Teylors Castle (100-30); 3,
Suters (3-1 fav), 11 atin 71, 41 J Persan,
Tota: 158-40; 51.70, 51.70, 51.60 SF:
£11.70 C3F: £28.96, Tricest: £96.35 2.00 (2m 4f ch) 1, Northern Jinks (8 Powell, 9-4), 2, No Release (6-5 ke), 3, Material Garl (8-1), 14 san 10, 81 R Duckin Tote 53.30, 51 10, 51.30, 51 60 DF 52.50 CSF 55.94

12:50 CSF 25.04 2.30 (2m bile) 1. Carobee (R Damirosily, 1-7 lav), 2. First Lesson (25:1), 3. Miner Juckson (8:1) 12:ran NR Pearly Flight 81, 2/rd D Nacholson Tota: 21:20 E1 10, £1 70, £1:80. DF: £7:00 CSF £5:32

4.30 (2m India) 1, Steeple Jack (R Greene, 5-2 Mandam's nap), 2 Chemes Le Ro (5-6 fav), 3, Lincoa Sem (4-1) 11 an NR Polly Penora, 41, 121 K Bahop, Tota 123,0, 11-20 VI 10, 11-20 OF, 12-30 CSF 24.59

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DF 24.70 CSF 214.87 Tracest 934.00 2.10 (2m 100yr 1del) 1, 10m (A S Smith, 9-2), 2, Grant Aspect (7-4 Fav), 3, Kerti (4-1) B ran Hd, 127 S Barwood Toler, 150, 2140, 10 F 24 30, CSF 212 45 7 mcsst 230-58 2.40 (3m 21 ch) 1, Pamber Priory (D Mupthy, 15-8 lay), 2, Over And Above (11-2): 3, Forest Ranger (11-2): 9 mo 105, 5; T Thermon Jones. Total E2.00; £160, \$4.10, £2.20 (3f. £1790, CSF. £1174, Tricas), £42.52 1114351, 2-2.00 3, 10 (2m 100yd holle) 1 Seant Of Bazzle (H Davies, 9-4 tay), 2, Run For Nick (18-1); 3, Solid Steel (7-1) 12 ran, 31, 151, M Hayres, 10a, 23,70; 140, 22,50, 21,50, DF 218,50 CSF, 537,28.

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4.10 (2m 100ych bals) 1, Tipp Mariner (1 Lawrence, 11-4), 2, Sunday Purch (5-2 lav); 3, Yeoman Marto (11-2) 10 ner. 6, 1, 0, Granell Tote: 24-80; 22-20, 21-20, 21-30, DF 18-20 CSF: 23-74.

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1.50 (5) 1, Medd Welcome (Meddine Bretth, 10-1); 2, Gortneky (5-2); 3, On The Edge (11-8 tar), 12 ran. 19); 8 Max N Manayabay, 15es. 573.50; 52.40, 52.00, 51.40.05; 525.80 (SSF: 538.25 E1.40. DF. E22.80. CSF: \$38.25.
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Collinguidge Tota: £5.20, £1.10, £1.20,
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243.65.
4.20 (1m) 1. Ballerine Bay (Disne Jones, 11-2 fee); 2. East Basto (17-2); 3. Buzzande Creat (14-14; 4. Count Me Oot (7-1); 17 ran 51, 2/61, 3/61, 0 Thom. Tota: 28.20; 51.20, 52.40, 52.20. DF: 510.80. CSF 552.45 Treast 5595.84.
Placepot: 53.50.

Winners prove trainers wrong

THE first two winners at Folkestone yesterday were almost withdrawn because of the changed going. Henrietta Knight, trainer

of Whais Your Problem, and Simon Sherwood, trainer of Kino, both thought the soft ground would rule out their

Payment by results

From Mr G. Dodds Sir, How reassuring to read (February 8) of a football manager who wishes to be rewarded for what he achieves rather than what he fails to achieve. So often managers are handsomely paid for what they promise, but the supporters are rewarded finally with the news that the manager has slipped quietly out of the car park in his expensive car just when the club has been assued of an imminent move into a lower division. I wish Kevin Keegan every

SUCCESS. Yours faithfully, G. DODDS, 26 Elmhurst Court, St Peters Road, Croydon, Surrey.

Bad for racing From Mr A. M. Phypers

Sir. As racing boomed in the 1980s, so the number of meetings mushroomed. However, the vast majority of this racing was of an indifferent standard. The current cash crisis results from the available prize-money being ever more thinly spread among moderate horses. Sunday fixtures will only add to the problem.

A long overdue attentot to reduce the fixture-list last summer met with stiff opposition from the racecourses. History suggests that the sport cannot be relied upon to swap a weekday for Sunday racing and maintain a day off for the industry.

For racegoers dependent on public transport. Sunday racing will spell disaster. Those travelling any distance cannot risk Sunday transport service levels. Our choice of fixtures will be cut and course membership will not be economically viable. Racing will isolate many of its best supporters. Yours sincerely, A. M. PHYPÉRS,

122 River Way.

Loughton, Essex.

stairway, killing 66 and injur-ing 200. likely to rebel. Wide-open its introduction to set against areas allow opposing specia- the financial hardship it is 5. In May 1985, at matches in Bradford, Birmingham

and Brussels, 95 were killed

6. In April 1989, at Hillsborough, overcrowding

7. Nine months later, at

Middlesbrough, spectators were again treated for crush

Disasters will always hap-

pen if a succession of unfortu-

nate events fall into place. We

must ensure that every effort

is made to make the stadiums

as safe as humanly possible

and, as importantly, plan and

train staff to deal with a

disaster efficiently, if it

Policing football is a com-

plicated business, but there

are clear signs that violence

among speciators is declining as stadiums are improved. If

we treat people like human

beings by offering facilities of

a high standard, most of

them will respond accord-

and hundreds injured.

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happens.

killed 95 and injured 76.

policing of Selhurst Park, which is the home of Crystal Palace and Wimbledon, I have recently heard it said by people who should know better that there can never be another disaster like Hillsborough.

In April 1902, at Ibrox.

a barrier collapsed on a

Play on words From Mr Leslie Dunkling

Sir, I am compiling the Guinness Book of Curious Phrases and have just been dealing with "hat-trick", originally a term used only in cricket.

plain the phrase by saying that a bowler who performed the feat was entitled to a new hat, paid for either by his captain or club. An alternative explanation

is that a collection was made for the bowler concerned by passing round a hat. I wonder what evidence there is to justify either of these state-

fencing and police, they are ments, both of which seem

dubious. There is another possibility. The first references to hattrick in its sporting sense occur as the end of the nineteenth century. Conjurors by that time were already: astonishing their audiences that clearly deserves a special word or phrase. .

The bowler who took three wickets with successive balls was astonishing spectators by doing his own kind of conjuring trick. There was also the simple pun on "bowler", which then, as now, could mean both the crickens; and a

ing new spectators. On a Saturday afternoon there are too many other comfortable distractions and it will take something special to entice the casual watcher back to the game, Those who do consider returning to watch will want

that is exactly what happened

in Brussels. By doing away

with terraces you greatly re-

. Football is now at a cross-

roads. While the clubs may be

holding on to the support they have, there is little to

suggest that they are arrect-

duce the dangers.

comfort and safety. The time has arrived for those who administer football to face their responsibilities and get on with the job of seating spectators in comfort. They do it all the time in the United States Yours etc.

GEORGE CRAWFORD, South Norwood Police Station. 11 Oliver Grove, SE25.

From Mr Simon E. Rice Sir. Is it not too late to abandon the Taylor Report? I cannot see a single gain from

areas allow opposing specia- the financial hardship it is tors to rum at each other and causing football clubs and spectators, and the loss of camaraderie and independence associated with

> The report seems to have been compiled as a gestural response to Hillsborough, disguised as a safety measure. In reality, all-seat stadiums offer no guarantee of disaster prevention, and it is worth remembering that the main reason for major loss of life at Hillsborough was the presence of perimeter fencing, another so-called safety menure

If the government really wants to make amends for Hillsborough. it should spend the £400 million on building a super all-seat sta-dium, like those in Italy, to cater for big matches such as semi-finals where there is a possibility of danger. As for everyday football, the steps taken by most clubs, particularly in capacity reduction, have ensured a safety level sufficiently high as to do without the extremes of the Taylor Report. Yours sincerely,

SIMON E. RICE, 22 Fairlawn Grove, W4.

Squad shunned

From Mr Ralph Roney

Sir, Am I alone in deploring the description of any group. of sportsmen or sportswomen as a squad? It is ugly, inappropriate, and inaccurate.

A squad appears to mean anything from a rowing pair to an entire national Olympic ream, not excluding that tautological horror the national lightweight eight squad! I am, yours sincerely, RALPH RONEY, Scilisdeir.

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Isle of Mull,

Argyll.

choice of captain open. Yours faithfully. COLIN LEACH.

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it claimed the wicket of the England opener, Helen Plimmer, in the first and only

um-fast England opening

The New Zealand innings was based on a solid 65 by the opener, Debbie Hockley, who hit ten fours. SCORES: New Zeeland 142 (D Hockley 65;

SPORTS LETTERS All-seat stadiums provide comfort and safety

From Chief Superintendent George Crawford

Sir. As the horror of the Hillsborough disaster fades with time, we are again being subjected to a brainwashing process that some football club officials hope will end in the abandonment of the requirement for all-seat stadiums. This is both sad and foolhardy, for they seem prepared to sacrifice the safety of supporters in an effort to reduce the financial burden.

In my capacity as the officer responsible for the

I respond by saying that the same was probably said after the following incidents: Glasgow, a stand collapsed, killing and injuring 518.

2. In February 1914, at Hillsborough, Sheffield, a wall collapsed, injuring 75. 3. In March 1946, at Bolton, a wall collapsed, killing 33 and injuring 500. 4. In January 1971, at Ibrox,

If they are treated like second-class citizens and forced to stand in the rain on cold, inhospitable terraces, caged in on all sides by

by producing rabbits out of Most reference books ex-

> type of hat. Incidentally, why is a only

three wickets (goals, etc.) that have a special name? We could do with a term which relates to the relatively common taking of two successive wickets, or scoring two goals in the same match. As for four wickets or four goals,

> Yours etc., LESLIE DUNKLING 32 Speer Road. Thames Dinon. Surrey.

Sports Letter's may be sent by fax to 071-782 5046. They should include a daytime telephone number.

to injured From Mr T. P. Casey

Care owed

Sir. I commend the organisers of the 1991 Rugby World Cup. It was a wonderful celebration of the game. Sadiy, many former players - those permanently dis-abled through rugby injuries - were not able to enjoy it.

Wouldn't it be a magnificent gesture if profits from the World Cup were used to explore ways to repair spinal and neck damage? I believe rugby is morally bound to improve the lifestyle of paraplegics and others seriously hurt while playing. Yours faithfully, T. P. CASEY 11 Cairnhill Street, Dunedin.

New Zealand. Unique trio

From Mr J. C. C. Leach

Sir, I read (February 10) that the South African cricket team includes a player named Pringle, as do England and New Zealand. It must be unique to have three players with the same surname, and unrelated, simultaneously in international cricket.

I can construct teams of players with identical surnames who have represented their countries in Anglo-Australian Test matches, not necessarily simultaneously. e.g. Barnett, Brown, Barnes, Hawke, Jackson, Miller. Richardson, Simpson, Walters, Wood, Yardley.

The Australian XI is very powerful in batting, less so in bowling, but should still dis-pose of England. Perhaps Australia's bowling, and England's batting, could be strengthened were Australia allowed to include Fleetwood-Smith under Smith. I have a specialist wicketkeeper in each team, but leave the

37 Canterbury Avenue, Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

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AT FLERE VRY

Banker's Gossip can help Dunwoody gather treble

RICHARD Dunwoody has sound prospects of landing a treble at Sandown today on New York Rainbow (2.00). Banker's Gossip (2.30) and Vicompt De Valmont (4.40). While winning the Village

Novices' Hurdle should be a formality for New York Rainbow, the other two are likely to have to work much harder. New York Rainbow, who is one of Nicky Henderson's six entries for the Trafalgar House Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham next month, has won both his races this season over today's course and distance.

While he did not have much to beat on the first occasion, he undoubtedly did well to account for Muse and Thetford Forest in his second

venture. Since Mountain Kingdom is clearly not the force over hurdles that he was on the Flat - he won the Ormonde Stakes at Chester and Yorkshire Cup in the space of a week in 1989 — New York Rainbow should enjoy a per-fect run-up to the National

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Henderson can go on to land a double by saddling Vicompt De Valmont to win the Spring Novices' Handicap Hurdle.

A winner first time out this season at Newbury, Vicompt De Valmont was then subsequently out of his depth at Chepstow in a much bener race, won by Muse. Although today's race is a handicap, the company is modest by com-

Banker's Gossip, my selec-tion to win the Fairmile Now-ices' Handicap Chase, took a while to get his act together over hurdles. But when he did, he was a revelation winning five times last

He has also taken time to get the hang of things over fences, but he should continue to pay his way since his trainer David Nicholson is not dissatisfied with the way that he has been rated even

Handicap Chase looks a fascinating contest even though there are only three runners. Nodform and Sirrah Jay

have been reassessed accordingly since they finished first and second at Chepstow 12 days ago, while Clara Mountain is always a force to be reckoned with over today's course and distance. Nodform is my choice since I was impressed by the way that he beat Sirrah Jay last



Dunwoody: jockey to

Chase should be an informative affair now that Ryde Again, Devil's Valley, Henry Mann and Lyphento have stood their ground.

Ryde Again was my nap when he won over today's course and distance last month, and he is awarded it

. His trainer Jenny Pitman ought to know whether he can beat Devil's Valley since she trained the latter until

The presence in the line-up of Henry Mann, who made that exciting chasing debut over today's course and distance last winter, and Lyphento, who did well to beat Well Wrapped at Fontwell recently, will not make life easy for Ryde Again, but he has the ability to win again. Mottram's Gold (3.30) and

Broughton Manor (4.00) can give Jackie Retter a double at Taunton, where Silvie (4.30) should bring a smile to the face of Tiverton trainer Rodney Baker, who has recently

Balding's hope cut to 16-1

COOL Ground attracted plenty of Grand National interest with Corals yesterday, who shortened him from 20-I to 16-I for the Aintree

Toby Balding's chaser, winner of the Welsh National last season, endeavours to strengthen his big-race hopes in the Eider Chase at Newcastle on Saturday.

Corals reported a £500 double on Cool Ground (Grand National) and Francois Doumen's The Fellow (Gold Cup), and duly short-ened the latter's Cheltenham odds to 9-2 (from 5-1). Swift Sword's Triumph

Hurdle odds have been cut from 25-1 to 16-1 after sustained support.
Mary Reveley's four-yearold seems certain to relish the

testing uphill finish at the festival, but his trainer has stressed that he will only participate if the ground is good or faster. Staunch Friend, impressive

winner of a Newbury novice hurdle last weekend, has also been cut, from 10-1 to 8-1 favourite for the juvenile championship.

In-form Parkes hopes to qualify Maureen's Fancy

BY MICHAEL SEELY

JOHN Parkes faces a race against time if his new acquisition Maureen's Fancy is to become eligible for an attempt to emulate Call Collect, who won the Liverpool Foxhunters' in 1989 and the Cheltenham Foxhunters' in

"She came from Ireland with a big reputation after winning two point-to-points," said the Norton trainer after landing a 286-1 double at Worcester yesterday with Dancing Legend and Ringmore. "The trouble is that she's got to win twice or win and be second in the next 17 days if she's to be qualified to run at Cheltenham."

Nicky Smith lost his right to claim the 5lb allowance when winning on the well-fancied Dancing Legend in the St Martins Selling Handicap Hurdle. But his victory on the 40-1

chance Ringmore, who had been absent from the track since May 1990, in the Lowesmore Handicap Chase came as a total suprise to

MANDARIN

THUNDERER

Parkes. "I thought he was sure to need the race, but he's worked well twice on the allweather at Southwell."

David Nicholson's fine season continued when Richard Dunwoody rode Carobee to an eight-length victory in the EBF National Hunt Novices' Hurdle qualifer. Previously successful in a canter at Leicester, yesterday's 7-1 on winner was never off the bridle before recording his untroubled victory.

"This could be a serious horse," said Nicholson about Alekhine's full brother. "If he runs at Cheltenham, it would only be in the two-mile novices championship. But he might not yet be ready for it. I'm going to talk to the owners and then wait for ten days before reaching a decision."

Nicholson plans to run that other useful novice Thetford Forest in the Persian War Hurdle at Chepstow on

The rain, which lashed down throughout a miserable afternoon, had no effect on a

cheerful Charlie Brooks, who followed up his victory at Towcester on Tuesday with Parson's Thorns when Graham Bradley rode an inspired race on Castigliero to beat Queen's Anthem by threequarters of a length in the Astwood Handicap Hurdle.

After the 7-1 co-favourite had thwarted a Robin Dickin double, initiated by Northern Jinks, by racing on the wide outside for most of the race, Brooks said: "Brad said it was 15 lengths faster on the outside. As the tactics paid off, he's a hero."

Forward news came from Kim Bailey who announced his plans for Kings Fountain and Docklands Express. "King's Fountain was a sick horse after disappointing at Wetherby. He's back in strong work now and will go for either the Jim Ford Challenge Cup at Wincanton or the Racing Post Chase at Kempton. The same goes for Docklands Express. Which runs where depends on the

THUNDERER RICHARD EVANS 2.00 New York Rainbow. 2.00 New York Rainbow. 3.05 Nodform. 2.30 Banker's Gossip. 3.05 Nodform, 3.35 Windward Ariom. 4.05 Strands Of Gold. 3.05 Nodform. 3.35 Windward Arion 4.05 Bes Garden. GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (CHASE COURSE); GOOD (HURDLES)

2.00 VILLAGE NOVICES HURDLE (\$2,337: 2m) (4 runners) BETTING: 2-7 New York Reinbow, 4-1 Mountain Kingdom, 8-1 Twilight Rain, 20-1 Christmes Hole, 1881: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

FORM FOCUS

MOUNTAIN KINGDOM 2151 2nd to Star Quest in Kempton nevice hurdle (2m 4/, good to firm); earlier and distance (good). CHRISTIAAS HOLS 29 5th of 19 3rd of 5 to Lift And Load in good to Challow Hurdle at Nevbury (2m 4/ 120/d, good). NEW YORK RASH-BOW best Mase head in grade 1 Toheroff Hurdle over course and distance (good to firm); previously

2.30 FAIRMILE NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (22,979: 3m 118yd) (8 runners) 201 0-42121 BARKER'S GOESIP 15 (D.F.G.S) (Mrs M Suttorn) O Nicholson 8-11-10 R Dumwoody 80
302 301-122 CLEVER SHEPHERD 18 (CD.BF.F.S) (Mr Loddyer) P Hobbs 7-11-0 Peter Hobbs 99
203 301-127 CDUNTRY MEMBER 48 (G) (Mrs C Williams) A Turnet 7-11-1 L Harvey 58
204 49-021 GLEN CHERRY 29 (D.P) (G PRISID) IT Provisor 5-11-0 ... Q Llewellyn: 67
205 44-PSUSA PURPLE POINT 37 (B) (Sir E Parier) D Barcos 7-10-0 ... N Hensics 94
207 54:2202 CURTANA 88 (V.F.G.S) (Scott Wilson Racing) P Berson 10-10-0 ... R Strongs 94
208 49-053 WATERSHOE LODGE 13 (B,S) (Crary Quing Parimenthip) P Jones 9-10-0 ... 99
209 96

BETTING: 94 Banker's Goselo, 3-1 Glan Charry, 9-2 Clever Shapherd, 6-1 Country Member, 10-1 Purple Point, 12-1 Mr Pantominte, 14-1 Quintaria, 18-1 Wattenida Lodge. FORM FOCUS

Long hendlosp: Purple Point 9-11, Quintana 9-11, Waterside Lodge 9-10.

BANKER'S GDSSIP beat Mr Domouse Mi is Wind-ser novice chase (3m, good to firm); previously 71 2nd of 3 to Keep Tallding in Kempton novice chase (3m, good to firm). CLEVER SHEPHERD 11st 2nd to Spitthedifference in Windoor handloop chase (3m, good to firm); earlier beat Does it Mester 21 in 4-numer payloe chase over course and detance toood). numer navice these twer course and distance (good).
COUNTRY MEMBER every chance when tell 4 out in Newbury novice, chase won by Springelesk (sim, good); previously 12 2nd to Keep Talking in

Newbury novice chase (2m 4f, good). GLEN CHEF-RY best The City Minstrel head in Ludlow novice handlesp chase (3m, good to firm) with MR PAN-TOMIME (8b better off) 16! 5th); previously 5½! 3rd in Ministr Tickle in Stratford novice handlesp chase (2m 6t, good) with WATERSEDE LODGE (11b bet-ter off) distance sway 8th. PUPPLE POINT 38 4ll; its Rydis Again in Chepetow novice chase (2m 4f, good). CUINTANA 4! 2nd to Purbeck Dove in Wel-vertempton novice handlesp chase (2m 4f, good). Belieticitor: CLEN CNEFRTY

3.05 LONDESBOROUGH HANDICAP CHASE (£3,661; 2m 4f 68yd) (3 runners) 301 9-32P11 NODFORM 12 (D.F.G.S) (H Joet) J Gifford 8-11-11 R Dunwoody 97 302 211112 SIRRAH JAY 12 (D.F.G.S) (J Gale) G Beiding 12-11-7 A Maguire 9 93 41-4422 CLARA MOUNTAIN 47 (CD.F.G.S) (S Sainebury) T Foreter 13-10-11 BETTING: 8-4 Skrain Jay, 7-4 Noctions, 5-2 Clara Mountain.

FORM FOCUS

NODFORM best SIRRAH JAY (4lb better ott) 4l in.
Chepstow handicap chase (2m 4f, soft): earlier 10f
2nd to Good Tonic in Huntingdon (2m 4f, good)
And to Good Tonic in Huntingdon (2m 4f, good)
MOUNTAIN 39i 2nd of 6 to Stately Lover in Following of the set of 10f 4th. SIRRAH JAY best Acre Hill 20l in 3Selection: CLARA MOUNTAIN

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS Runners Per cent JOCKEYS Per ceni 25.0 21.7 18.4 16.8 18.2

THUNDERER RICHARD EVANS: MANDARIN 1.40 Fair Crossing. 2.10 Gold Medal. 1.40 Fair Crossing 2.10 Viceroy Gem.
2.40 Mister Hartigan.
2.40 Mweenish.
3.15 RYDE AGAIN (nap).
3.45 Milford Quay.
4.15 Kayfaat.
2.10 Gold Medal.
2.40 Mweenish.
3.45 Milford Quay.
4.15 Nijmegen. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.10 VICEROY GEM. GOING: SOFT (HURDLES COURSE); GOOD TO SOFT (CHASE)

1.40 OADBY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,235; 2m 4f) (21 runners) OADBY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (E1,235: 2m 4f) (27 runne)

OBROTHER BLUE 21 (Mm 8 Leighton) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-12 S Cowley

OBRUCE'S CASTLE 34 (8 Leghton) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-12 S Cowley

OCOPERATIVE 45 (Mrs P Wilson) J MacAle 5-10-12 S J O'Mell

O6-5322 FAIR CROSSING 34 (Mrs P Service) C Brooks 8-10-12 S J O'Mell

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4- HIGHLAND FALLY 356 (A Budge (Equine) Limited) Jimmy Fitzgeraid 5-10-12. M Pitmen

OP/30 LISAHANE LAD 5 (Mrs P Aldersey) J Webber 6-10-12 M Pitmen

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000/480 SARAH'S WROATH 37 (Mrs. V Stockdele) M Scudemore 7-10-12.

0-P000 SOMATIME 26 (Mrs. D Hickmen) C Jones 6-10-12.

1-3 TERAO 30 (S) (B Käpatrick) M Pipe 6-10-12.

THE HARBOURIER (Mrs. A Reid Scott) T Forster 6-10-12.

1-4232/82 THIS NETTLE DANGER 24 (Lady Anne Bentinck) O Bronsen 8-10-12.

0/06-0 TRENTSIDE VALCUR 31 (J Payne) C Smith 7-10-12.

(4 WALDORF T BEAGLE 17 (S Asteiro) C Egerton 8-10-12.

STAY IN THE BLUE (Mrs. R Biscionsil) K Bishop 6-10-7.

0 WINNING LASSY 29 (M McMillar) M McMillar 9-10-7. 70 M Brannan Mr M Hangar A S Smith BETTING: 13-8 Feir Crossing, 9-4 Tereo, 4-1 Ice Gold, 8-1 Misty, 8-1 Highland Rully, 10-1 This Nettle Danger,

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☐ Tiananmem Square, strongly fancied to give the Irish a success in the first running of the Tote Festival Bumper at Cheltenham next month, at the overnight stage.

	resoluted number: Society form (F = 16s.) P = pulled up. U = insected dier. B = brought down, S = slipped up. R = refused. D = disqualified). Horse's name. Days since-test outing; F if fat. (B = blinkers. B = soft, good to off, beavy). Owner in since-test outing; F if fat. (B = blinkers. B = soft, good to off, beavy). Owner in since-test outing; F if fat. (B = blinkers. B = soft, good to off, beavy). Owner in since-test outing; F if fat. (B = blinkers. B = soft, good to off, beavy). Owner in since-test outing; F if fat. (B = blinkers. B = soft, good to off, beavy). Owner in since-test outing; F if fat. (B = blinkers. B = soft, good to off, beavy). Owner in since-test outing; F if fat. (B = blinkers. B = soft, good to off, beavy). Owner in since-test outing; F if fat. (B = blinkers. B = soft, good to off, beavy). Owner in since-test outing; F if fat. (B = blinkers. B = soft, good to off, beavy). Owner in since-test outing; F if fat. (B = blinkers. B = soft, good to off, beavy). Owner in since-test outing; F if fat. (B = blinkers. B = soft, good to off, beavy). Owner in since-test outing; F if fat. (B = blinkers. B = soft, good to off, beavy). Owner in since-test outing; F if fat. (B = blinkers. B = soft, good to off, beavy). Owner in since-test outing; F if fat. (B = blinkers. B = soft, good to off, beavy). Owner in since-test outing; F if fat. (B = blinkers. B = soft, good to off, beavy).
	3.35 WAVENDON HANDICAP HURBLE (E2,882: 2m) (7 ruthwrb)
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	404 114311 WAKE UP 37 (D.F.G.S) (Mrs J Ward) R O'Leary 5-10-12 L Wyee 84 405 85U460 CHARLTON YEOMAN 12 (B.D.G.S) (Mrs H Alwen) J Gifford 7-10-8 NON-FILNNEER 406 3841/2-4 MOORE STYLISH 82 (D.F.G.S) (D Beaumont) G Baking 9-10-6 A Maguire 87
	407 440159 WHXDWARD ARKOM 18 (D.F.G.S) (K Hollanske) N Bycroft 6-10-1 R Markey 94 BETTING: 9-4 Wake Up, 7-2 Love Anew, 4-1 Windward Arlom, 5-1 Sartorius, 6-1 Moore Stylish, 7-1 Burning.
١.	FORM FOCUS
	BURINING best Music Be Megic 15I at Southwell in August 1988 (2m. 4f. good in firm). LOVE ANEW 29I 5th to Kitnese in Window handlesp hurdle (2m. good to firm). But 19 to Cheuptenethia (2m. good to firm). But 19 to Cheuptenethia in Cheption (2m. good). WHATE ARIOM best Falcon Fight 6I in Sedgefield handlesp hurdle (2m. soft). WARE UP best worse off) 10I 3d (2m. good).
ŀ	Mester Ofthe House 21/1 in Catteriok hendloop hur- Selection: WINDWARD ARIOM (nec)

4.05 WILFRED JOHNSTONE HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,213: 2m 4f 68yd) (11 runners)

4- IF YOU WISH 254 (G Humphrey) G Humphrey 6-11-6.... BETTING: 3-1 Strands Of Gold, 7-2 Bee Garden, 4-1 Centord Palm, 6-1 Metebs, 8-1 Rain Mark, 10-1 Renard Quay, 18-1 Sporting Mariner, 14-1 Mightlf, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

RAIN MARK 291 8th to Pesteral Pride in Werwick!

hunter chase (2m 4f, good) with SPORTING MARINER tabled off when pulled up before 2 out. 868

LARDEN best Mayon 7il in Herwork chase chase
(2m 4f, good) with RENARD GUAY (4lb worse, off)

283 3rd.

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Hunter chase (2m, soft). CANPORD PALM 7fel 3rd

to Viragen in Devon handloap chase (3m 1f, heavy).

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4.40 SPRING NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,574: 2m 5f 75yd) (11 runners) Long handicap: Scapin 9-10, Elite Lee 9-10. SETTING: 4-1 Vicompt De Valmont, 9-2 Dextra Dove, 5-1 Kannbaniya, 11-2 Cheeky Fox, 6-1 Casting Time 8-1 Rativindan House, 10-1 Pinial, 12-1 Rah Wan, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

2.40 TRIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£4,012: 3m) (9 runners)

3.45 THURNBY NOVICES CHASE (£2,271: 2m) (8 runners)

VICOMPT DE VALMONT beat Fighting Jessica 3 in Newbury novice hurdle (2m 4f 120yd, good to tooh) with SCAPIN (25b better cif) distance away 11th. KANNBANIYA beat Annio Chilone 31d in Lingsfeld handlesp hurdle (2m 4f, good) previously 11d 2nd of 24 to Young Hustler in Worcester novice hurdle (2m 4f, good to soft) with SCAPIN (24b) better of) distance away 11th.

DEXTRA DOVE 81d 3rd to Beydon Star in Windser novice hurdle (2m, good). CHEEKY FOX 3 2nd of Selection: CHEEKY FOX

Long handlesp: Double Tricks 9-2.
BETTING: 3-1 Fifth Amendment, 4-1 Mweenish. 6-1 Mister Hurtigan, 8-1 Repier Thrust, The Leggett, 16-1 Kittinger, 12-1 Last House, Double Tricks, 20-1 Saffron Lord. 3.15 WREN CHASE (£2,595: 2m 4f) (6 runners) 1 24/0-P WHY SO HASTY 5 (D.F.S) (Black Horse Racing) M Chapman 11-11-12. Mr T Byrne (7) 91 2 4225-11 RYDE AGAIN 24 (CD.F.G.S) (Mrs K Heywerd) Mrs J Pitman 9-11-8 MP Pitman 9 38 38P-PRS DEVRL'S YALLEY 37 (S) (Ars A Galvanoni) R Rowe 9-11-4 G Bradley 9 94 /801/41- HENRY MANN 409 (C.F.G.S) (L.Witson) S Christian 9-11-4 G McCourt 5 591/31 LYPHENTO 10 (D.G.S) (Pel-mell Partners) J Cifford 8-11-4 D Murphy 6 60/-0P0P BOLD ANSWER 17 (F) (R Papworth) M Chapman 9-11-0 W Worthington — BETTING: 8-11 Ryde Again, 9-4 Lyphento, 11-2 Henry Mann, 8-1 Deve's Valley, 33-1 Why So Hasty, 55-1 Bol Answer.

BETTING: 8-13 Millford Quzy, 7-1 Circulation, 10-1 Rich Naphew, 16-1 Al Shamikh, 20-1 Chat-ancogachoochoo, 25-1 Blue Ensign, 33-1 Cool Dude, Williamsfield. 4.15 SOMERBY NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,235: 2m) (13 runners) BETTING: 11-10 Kayteat, 3-1 Nijmagen, 9-2 Medagans Grey, 8-1 Moonst, 10-1 Polyplate, 12-1 Noushy, 14-1 Others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS JOCKEYS Rides Percent TRAINERS M Pipe Mrs J Primer N Teskler Jimmy Pitzgerald T Forster J Mackle 38.9 33.8 33.3 20.0 18.6 17.6 M Pitmen P Scudemon M Dwyer D Murphy R Beggen Only qualifiers

ground." 3.30 SWEB HANDICAP HURDLE 1 6214 CARBONATE 8 (CD.F.6) R Buckler 7-11-10 2.00 Diamond Cut. 2.30 Floret. 3.00 Beresfords Girl. 3.30 Mottram's Gold. 4.00 Broughton Manor. 2.00 Sohrab. 2.30 Floret. 3.00 BERESFORDS GIRL (nap). 3.30 Final Sound. 4.00 Broughton Manor. 4.30 Bengal Way. 8 /24- PECHE D'OR 48k (F,8) H Haynes 8-10-0 Mr M Rimell (7) Richard Evens 4.00 BROUGHTON MANOR (nap). 12 0000 BOLD BAP 15 A Barrow 7-10-0 Wheredish (7) WhoFerland 13 0005 PABREY 7 (6) N Milchell 6-10-0 D Bridgmette 14 -006 THE PLY BOYS 21 (C,F) 8 Ferrey 10-10-0 B Clifford (5) 15 /0F THESOOSE 2 J Betchetor 7-10-0 S Surrough GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT PATCHES) 2.00 BLACKDOWN JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,348; 2m 110yd) (11 runnera) 1 4211 DANORNO PADDY 31 (D,8) K Cunningham-Brown 11-10 R Gur 9-2 Carbonete, 5-1 Mottrem's Gold, 11-2 Knight in Side, 6-1 Peche D'Or, 8-1 Bush Hill, 10-1 Final Sound, Lyph, 12-1 others. 4.00 ORCHARD FM HANDIGAP CHASE (£1,924: 3m) (6) 1 1858 ARCTIC TEAL 48 (B,F,G,S) O Sharwood 8-11-10

4.30 CRANMORE NOVICES HANDICAP

8 /00 HOMSET'S NOD 57 C Hischings 9-10-0. J 10 4000 MELDON 21 T Hallett 5-10-0. Healther Mu 11 -4050 JAYLAND 18 P Jones 6-19-0. Healther Mu 12 4PD0 JAYLAND 57 AP 23 (B) J Forns 10-20-0 13 F-00 WEST LODGE LADY 7 N Thomson 7-10-0

3-1 Silvie, 7-2 Jackin, 4-1 Bengsi Way, 6-1 Woodland Minstrel, 8-1 Captain Cognec, 10-1 Shoreham Lady, Jayland, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: M Pipe, S1 winners from 183 runners, 27.6%; J Edwards, 4 from 20, 20.0%; R Holder, 11 from 62, 17.7%; Mrs J Retter, 5 from 31, 16.1%; T Hallert, 3 from 22, 13,6%; R Hodges, 22 from 167, 13.2%; JOCKEYS: N Mann, 8 winners from 31 ndes, 25.6%; M Foster, 4 from 17, 23.5%; M Richards, 4 from 22, 13.2%; 8 Surnouph, 8 from 35, 17.1%; W McParland, 8 from 34, 14.6%; N Coleman, 8 from 58, 13.6%.

☐ Emsee-H was a fortunate winner of the the Manston Novices' Handicap Chase at Folkestone yesterday after Running Sands fell at the last fence with the race at his mercy.

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5-2 Danoing Paddy, 7-2 Beyond Our Reach, 5-1 Mealtwasha, 6-Diamond Cut, 8-1 Schrab, 12-1 Chyo, Muddy Lane, 14-1 others

2.30 PORLOCK CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS

3 SUED JUST A MEMORY 29 (D,F) C 7/miles (F-11-5

254 CREY SOMATA 21 (F) C Pophem 5-10-11 Thompson P42/ LUDLOW LADY 1280 R Hodges 8-10-7. T Thompson 1 SF4/ MUSICAL YOUTH 1841 D Wintle 9-10-0 C Gibbons

1 4541 GROSSOFSPANCILHELL 10 (F,G) C Triedine B-11-3 D Bridgmeter (I) 2 84-0 BORNIE DUNDEE 29 (F) J Edwards B-10-10 ... D Teg 3 85-4 BORDER LOCH 38 R Brotherton 8-10-10 ... D Teg 4 4-PP CBLTIC PRINCE 7 (8) N Twiston-Davise B-10-10 C Maudia

3.00 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,840; 3m 3f) (14)

11 P THURSDAY MAN 28 Mrs N Gotte 10-10-1

1.50 Blakeneys Gift. 2.20 Texan Clamour. 2.50 Wick Pound. 3.25 Caroles Clown. 3.55 Take Issue. 4.25 Gallant Effort. THUNDERER

1.50 Blakeneys Gift. 2.20 Texan Clamour. 2.50 Master Dancer. 3.25 Caroles Clown. 3.55 Take Issue. 4.25 Gallant Effort.

1.50 ROMEO NOVICES HURDLE (£1,327: 2m) (9 runners)

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1 ACROSS THE BAY 12F S Dow 5-11-4 ... A Diction (7)

2 D-25 BLAKENEYS GSFT 28 (BF) D Marks 6-11-4 B de Hann

3 5P00 OUTH BILLY BOY DE Mare J Wonnecott 6-11-4

8 Donochoe (5)

1 0515 RARFYTS DREAM 10 (D) J Banks 4-11-1. S Keighbey

1 U64 WINDBOR HICHNESS SF M Maggaridge 5-10-13

8 Fox.(7) 00 RIVER CHASE 14 K Balley 4-10-3 A Admins 800 SHEMMERUNG SCARLET 14 R Buckler 4-10-5 Date McKeowr

9 4 SUMMER SANDS 7 J Harris 4-10-3.... 11-10 Blakeney's Gift, 3-1 Rarty's Dreem, 5-1 Shimmering Scarlet, 6-1 Summer Sands, 12-1 Wotamona, 14-1 others.

2.20 JULIET NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,411: 2m 2f) (6)

6-4 Texan Ctemour, 3-1 Ledy Poly, 4-1 Shelikh's Pet, 11-2 Millie, 8-1 Grumble, 10-1 Indian Sovereign.

2.50 RED ROSE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,687: 2m 6f) (5) 1 1/8 DON KEYDROP 131 (C) Mass B Sanders 8-11-10

Mr R Ferrant (7) 7-4 Wick Found, 5-2 Meeter Dancer, 3-1 Don Keydrop, 9-1 Dancing Oats, 10-1 King Of The Ring.

3.25 VALENTINE CLAIMING HURDLE

(1,446: 2m 41) (/) 1 1020 PASSED PAWN 22 (BF,0,6) M Pipe 5-12-0 M Follow (3)

2 1325 RULING DYNASTY 7 (B,F,G,S) M Usher 6-11-3 5133 SAILOR BOY 7 (C) Fl Akehurst 5-11-6... G Heaver (7)

7-4 Ruting Dynesty, 5-2 Passed Pawn, 3-1 Caroles Clown, 9-2 Saitor Boy, 8-1 Shar Emblem, 10-1 Veronica, 12-1 Millia Belle 3.55 SWEETHEART AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,640: 2m) (6)

ANDICAP HURDLE (\$1,040; 211) (v)

1 2012 TAKE ISSUE 7 (CD.0.5) J Suiciffe 7-120. R Teal (?)

2 55 YUKON QUEST 14 C Holmes 9-12-0..... G Brown (?)

3 3-13 ABU MUSLAB 121 (D.7) G Edwards 8-10-13

G Edwards (?)

4 -06P PRESSURE GAME 36 (0,8,F) K Burks 9-10-2 5 9000 TEL E THON 7 (B) P Jones 5-10-0 Mrs P Nash (7) 8 959- LADY MAGENTA 384 R Buckler 5-10-0 ... C Bonner (7) S-4 Take Issue, 6-4 Abu Musiab, 8-1 Pressure Geme, 10-1 Tel E Thon, 12-1 Lady Magenta.

4.25 CASANOVA HANDICAP HURDLE

.1,380: 2m 21) (3) 1 4181 GALLANT EFFORT 7 (CD) S Dow 4-12-2 (6ex) A Dicken (7) 2 0-01 LANE LAD 14 (C) Mrs J Wonnscott 8-11-3 3 1243 ILEWIN 13 (C,S) J Jenkins 5-11-2 M Ahan BETTING: Evens Gallant Effort, 2-1 llewin, 11-4 Lans Lad.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: 5 Dow, 13 wriners from 28 numers, 46.4%; T Thomson Jones, 8 from 18, 44.4%; Miss B Sanders, 19 from 49, 38.8%; J Sutcitte, 4 from 11, 36.4%; J Old, 5 from 15, 33.3%; J Jenkins, 16 from 88, 23.5%. 15, 33.3%; 3 January, 16 but 16s, 52.5%; 19 CKEYS: A Dicken, 10 winners from 19 ndes, 52.6%; Dale McKeown, 26 from 78, 33.3%; S Donotice, 5 from 17, 29.4%; M Ahern, 9 from 40, 22.5%; G Moore, 4 from 29, 13.8%; S Keightley, 4 from 34, 11.8%.

Extra Leopardstown rides PETER Scudamore, who Wainsfort Maiden Hurdle,

Golden Shine in the Deloitte

teams up with Carvill's Hill in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Leopardstown on Sunday, has picked up four other rides at the meeting for the Co Wicklow trainer Victor Bowens.

Commercial Artist in the

Hurdle. The champion jockey takes over from Bowens's son Colin, who injured his neck and back in a car accident at the Curragh on Tuesday. Scudamore will partner

and Touche Novices' Hurdle. Liberated Bird in the Pharmacare Novices' Handicap Hurdle and Galevilla Express in the Le Coq Hardi Micky Flynn rides the Bowens Hennessy hope, Firions Law, and Charlie Swan takes over on his stable companion Mass Appeal in the Winelectric Novice Chase Series



Austrian justifies the optimism of her coach in the first leg of the combined

Kronberger back to her best

FROM DAYED POWELL IN MERIBEL

WE SHOULD have listened to Petra Kronberger's nat-ional coach. He said all along that, come the Olympics. Austria's finest skier would rise again.

The fall had been unexpected, but swift when it came. Kronberger, princess of the Alps for the last two years, had failed to win a race in 1992. In 12 contests, she had not finished higher than fourth. Until yesterday.

Kronberger won the downhill section of the Olympic combined, the opening event on the women's Alpine programme, by more than half a second. After part two today - the slalom - the gold medal should be hers. Kronberger is the accom-plished slalomist while others in the combined can only

The next seven from yesterday's downhill do not have a slalom World Cup point be-tween them this season. Kronberger has 266. So will she win? "I am very happy about this race; I know I can be at the top now," she said. A fortnight ago she was saying that one medal would satisfy her. But now Austria expects. Five medals perhaps, for she s skiing in the four events to

Raymond Berger, the head coach of Austria, had said two weeks ago that she needed a new challenge. Having been overall World Cup champior for two years, winning World Cup sialom and world championship downhill as well, her drive had gone.

"She never dreamed she would win so much," Berger had said. "She needs new motivation. The Olympic Games are a new motivation and I think her mind will be concentrated on winning." Yesterday his words seemed prophetic. "She was techni-Last month she was not skiing exactly on the edges. Tothe outer ski. If she wins the combined it will be a great psychological benefit for her

What relief for Berger. Sabine Ginther's fall in practice on Tuesday, and her withdrawal from the Games



for the combined and a strong contender for the downhill, and these two were Austria's best gold medal

Kronberger, aged 22, wanted nothing taken for granted. Quite right, Paul Accola and Hubert Strok victory in the men's combined only to make uncharac-teristic slalom errors and end up with nothing

Should Kronberger follow the pattern of Alpine skiing at these Games so far - the two golds, in men's events, have gone to outsiders — Krista Schmidinger, of the United States, and Katja Seizinger of Germany, are best placed to take advantage after finishng second and third

France has a home hope in Florence Masnada, ninth yesterday, but the first skier after slalom points (56). Or per-haps another Austrian could take advantage of any Kronberger misfortune. Anite Wachter, the Olympic champion who has 108 sle lom points is 11th and within striking distance of the

. Albertville: Weather forecasters said yesterday that up to a half-metre of fresh snow was possible today. They said up to 50cm was likely in northern parts of the Olympic area, including Les Saisies kilometre cross country and women's five-kilometre race

Up to 25cm is possible in other mountain areas, which could: affect, the, women's combined slalom and the men's and women's freestyle skiing moguls in moguis .



Head for heights: Gostisa, of Slovenia, practising for the 120-metre jump

Simon Barnes in San Diego

Addictive campaign grips billionaires

Jou run for a gold medal. You play for the World Cup. But on campaign for the America's Cup. In that word lies the secret of the hold this bizarre event has on its billionaires. The America's Cup is not about the best m on the day. In the case of the favourites, the New Zealanders, the campaign has lasted for eight years, and 60 per cent of the team members have been there

Especially Sir Michael Fay, the syndicate head, a millionaire financier, a man aged 42 riven with boyish enthusiasm. "Oh, yes! I'm enjoying this! Challenges likes this, like the America's Cup — they're lard to find."

Well, when you have nade several fortunes and on loadsa horseraces, too, there is little spice in an everyday challenge. With surfeit comes a taste for the hizarre, for the extraordinary, for the overspiced ex-oticism of the America's Cup. "And there's tons of Tabasco in this event. Almost enough once in a while to wonder if you need another taste or not. The America's Cup is about the

Challenges do not get preparation and worry, a team of getting on for a hundred strong egos and high talents, and a budget working to \$120 millions the Japanese to \$60 mil-lion, America's to \$45 million. New Zealand is working to \$25 million. The country has a smaller population than Los Angeles and is a smaller financial unit than General Motors. Such

disadvantages add lashings more Tabasco. "The appeal of this event is not something that ows on television — but it is the special appeal of it all that draws the players," Fay said. "We have an exyou've got it, you've got it for life. It goes into remis-sion from time to time, but

never

Newcastle University .. 15

Durham University 28

BY MICHAEL STEVENSON

HAVING lost to them earlier

in a group match, Durham University cruised comfort-

ably into the semi-finals, beat-

ing Newcastle University by

two goals, two tries and two

penalty goals to a goal and three penalty goals.

Both stand-off halves, Tim

Wilcox of Newcastle, and Will

Greenwood, have former

fathers and Greenwood had

much the better of the argu-

Purposeful and dynamic, Durham commanded the

opening exchanges and it was

not long before Greenwood's

precise chip applied pressure. A defensive kick was charged down and, when the ruck was

won, Greenwood himself saw

the gap and scored. Almost immediately his partner, Webster, worked the blind, chipped accurately and,

showing great pace, Yeldham

hacked on and won the race

for the touchdown. Wilcox

was successful with his sec-

ond penalty chance before a

half break by Greenwood was

the prelude to a try by the Durham full back. Aber-

The second half was not as

entertaining but Parkes ran

well to score for the winners

and Greenwood contributed

another conversion and two

penalties to bring his points

tally to 14. Two more penal-

ties from Woodford and a late

ment.

nathy.

Like right now. It is some-thing to do with the width of the front on which you are waging war.

"So many things have to be right. And they cut across instinctive, almost unmanageable areas like design. And on the other side, say PR - you can't control that either. When we set up our big-boat challenge in 1988, we suddenly found ourselves compared to the Japanese at Pearl Harbour, There were times when I had to do a

reality test."
The America's Cup combines corporate cut-andthrust, the dirty dealing of electoral politics — and sport. There is, after all, a real winner at the end of it. For your billionaire, it is at the same time a new world to conquer, and the same old routine of organisation, manipulation, selection

and management of men, of personal nerve and above all, personal power. The added ingredient. the Tabasco, is glory. Romance. Only sport can do this. Mere money, never. America's Cup is corporate politics with glory added. You only have to listen to Fay talking about his big boat — the one that raced Dennis Conner in a stupid

derstand that. I don't think it was futile at all. Admittedly it was futile to have a catamaran against a boat with 40 crew and 18,000 square feet of sail. But what an opportunity wasted by the Americans. They should have



Fay: enthusiastic

sailed a big boat, too. And the Japanese and the French would have come along. Well, that was not to be. See what happens this time," Fay said.

For spectators, the America's Cup is just beginning three months of match racing that will see one of the six challengers from all around the world racing one of the two American syndicates. But for the syndicates themselves, it is all

We are more than 90 er cent through," Fay said. But now comes the test of part of the appeal. There is a point at which you just have to go for the line. It is also the momen

when the boss loses control. The final test is out on the water. And then Fay hands over the entire campaign to his skipper, Rod Davis. "I quite like that change. Like every one else, I've stood in the stands, and asked why the hell the jockey is doing this or that, especially if he is riding my horse and I know he has been told to do something different.

why the hell the skipper is on this side of the track, or why he doesn't tack — but that is part of the every single thing you can possibly do to win the race but then you have to sit joy. If you don't enjoy it, you'd be silly to enter your

horse in the first place. bet in the America's Cup. but I know that right at the the human factor. That is the one thing you can't test. But one of the great plea-sures is sitting back at the end, knowing that you can do no more. There is a per-verse pleasure in the final abnesation." abnegation."

The America's Cup is contested by some of the most powerful men in the world. But when it comes down to the final test, they mate charge, the final tea-spoon of Tabasco?

Duchesnay show revealed

FROM JOHN HENNESSY IN ALBERTVILLE

The French couple were

made to realise what pressure

they will be under from the

yearning of a nation from the

moment they appeared for the first time here. "As soon

as we put foot to ice, there was

tremendous atmosphere and

you skate better of course

when you get that input,"

But they recognise the haz-

ards of hero and heroine wor-

ship. "All we want to do is concentrate on what we do on

the ice," Paul said, now much

more fluent in English than

he once was. "We must retain

concentration, be clear-head-

ed, and not let this get to us."

Chris had never harked on about a gold medal, said Isa-

belle. He had advised them,

from his own experience, to

skate as they usually do, "oth-

build up too much."

erwise the pressure would

MRS Isabelle Dean present ed herself to the Olympic press yesterday, except that here she is known by all and sundry as Isabelle Duchesnay. Officially she has become Isabelle Duchesnay-Dean, but in any case "that which we call a rose ...

Isabelle what's-her-name is the world ice dance champion at the side of her brother Paul. If they are not also Olympic champions next Monday the whole of France will want to know why.

Christopher Dean seems thoroughly at home in the French camp, as one would expect, not only because of his easy going manner, but se he and Jayne Torvill have been friends of the Duchesnays since their amateur days, when they trained Oberstdorf, Germany.

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A sergeant loses rank

Les Saisies: The all-army British biathlon teamfound the going tough over the 10km course yesterday. Michael Dixon, who finished a surprise thirteenth over 20km in 1988, missed two targets in the prone positions and had to settle for sixtieth

Dixon, a sergeant in the Royal Engineers, clocked 29min 19.4sec in the event that embraces cross-country skiing and shooting. Kenneth Rudd, in the Royal Artillery, was the best-placed Briton at 58th with 29min 1.1sec, well there was a little more fun in the dressing-room "because Chris is also there now to increase the fooling around". The regard their free dance

The three of them seem to

have developed an unusual

menage à trois since Isabelle's marriage to Dean last

May. The main difference, according to Paul, was that

to the overture from West Side Story, with its appropriare sibling theme, as the hardest they have yet attempt ed because there are no slow parts to offer physical relief. It appears that they start at top speed and accelerate over four minutes.

Their original polica, on display yesterday, also looked a winner, full of fast footwork with strong elements of surprise and comedy. Rarely has "original" been taken so seriously in ice skating.

behind the 26min 2.3sec of Mark Kirchner, the German

gold medal winner. Ian Woods, a Royal Engineer corporal, was 72nd in 30min 11.8sec and Jason Skelnar, another Royal Engineer, took 30min 52.8sec for

☐ Jacqueline Boerner, the German speed skater who was badly injured in a road accident two years ago, won the 1,500 metres gold. She clocked 2min 05.87sec, beating a compatriot, Gunda Niemann, into second place by 0.05 sec. (Agencies)

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(Ger), 26:54, 10, H Floredin (Fr), 28:56.9;
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Men's mogule (Tignet)

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Neurov (US), 9.0; 7, P Sortwiniz and A Konig
(Gen), 11.0; 8, M; Wotsel and A
Resuschenbach (Gen), 13.0; 9, C Hough
and D Ladrin (Cars), 14.5; 10, E Urbanabl
and R Nérvel (US), 14.5; 11.1; Heno and S
Wendland (US), 15.0; 12, 3, Bell and K
Wirtz (Cars), 17.5; 18, D Cerr and S Carr
(Ass), 19.5; 14, R bodie; and T K Cyarra
(Japan), 21.0; 18, A Tatascohl and M
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(LS), 3:07.972; 8, G Kohlech (Ger),
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3:08.280; 9, E Tarvillager (LS), 3:08.547;
10, 1 Gubteins (UT), 3:08.746; 11, A Orlova
(Lavie), 3:08.796; 12, H Danifes (UT),
3:08.826; 13, S Otto (Ger), 8:08.996; 14, E
Shuko (Lavie), 3:08.207; 15, 1 Gelle
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(Ger.), 2:07.24; 6; 5 Saganova (UI),
2:07.81; 7, E. Hunyady (Austria), 2:08.22;
3, H. Warnicke (Ger.), 2:08.52; 9, C. Zijastra
(Nath), 2:08.54; 10, L. Probachova (UI),
2:08.71; 11, M. Ushara (Japan), 2:08.52;
12, E.R. Yirodal (Nov.), 2:09.56; 13, J. Krotn
(Swe), 2:09.52; 14, E. Wanilowaka (Pol),
2:09.64, 15, M. Declar, (US), 2:09.86.

American support for champion Britons

BY MIKE ROSEWELL ROWING CORRESPONDENT

STEVE Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, of Britain, the world champion coxless pair, will be on a "medai bonus" for the next two Olympic Games as a result of a contract signed at Henley yesterday with Russell Athletic, the American sportswear manu-

The package could mean more than £30,000 to the rowers and their coach. Jürgen Grobler. The rewards, apart from kit, will be based

on Olympic success, with \$15,000 for a gold medal and \$7,500 for a silver or bronze. Extra money will be paid for public relations appearances.

Mike Williams, the marketing director of Russell Athletic, said: "Our aim is to link our products with respected sports names who are also great achievers. Redgrave and Pinsent make ideal partners for us."

Redgrave, an Olympic gold medal winner in Los Angeles and Seoul, is favourite for a third gold in Barcelona with his new partner and, at 28, · intends to continue to Atlanta in 1996, although he admitted: "Some people think that I'm getting a bit old." Redgrave and Pinsent,

with 12 other Leander members, returned from South Africa on Tuesday after three weeks of altitude training and a successful regatta in Johannesburg, where they beat the South African national squad eight in the final race after winning the fours and the pair. The globetrotting pair leave for the United States today to compete in the Boston sorints.



consolation try for Newcastle by Graham, which Woodford converted, closed their scor-SCORERS: Newcastle: Thy: Geltram, Convention: Woodford, Partally goals: Woodford, Partally goals: Woodford (2), Wilcox, Durham: Thes: Gereswood (2), Wilcox, Durham: Thes: Gereswood (2), Protting goals: Greenwood (2), Protting of Wilcox (nor. 2) Woodford; Nicox (nor. 2) Woodford; Nicox (2), Protting J. Anderson, M. Holowey, T. Syymour, G. Wilson, A. Meadown, J. Porter, S. McGuler, Ing. Carring, M. Yashadov, W. Parker, M. Carring, J. Hamilton-Sarith, C. Stempford, A. Waller, B. Fichardson, D. Hamilton, N. Keller, B. Richardson, Heleraet, J. Coulson (Narthumberland), RUGBY UNION

Southern voices Durham gaining power in danger

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WHILE attention north of the Equator is fixed on this weekend's game between England and France, which may well determine the outcome of the five nations' championship, events will be taking place in Sydney which could significantly affect the future of the game.

A gathering of representatives of the leading nations in the southern hemisphere begins when Australia and New Zealand meet tomorrow, to be joined on Saturday by Argentina and South Africa. whose newly-formed govern-ing body will be represented by Nic Labuschagne and Ebrahim Patel.

They will update their opposite numbers on developments in their country, where there remains a hope that the South Africans may be able to make or receive a short tour before their scheduled visit to France in October.

To assist this they have brought forward to April 1 the opening of their Currie Cup season, so as to leave August comparatively free, but it has already been confirmed that the 11-match tour by New Zealand in June and July to Australia will go The four home unions, with

France as observers, are to meet either late this month or early in March to discuss areas of common interest, notably in matters relating to ing in world rugby, on a far more organised base than has hitherto been the case. Whether this will bring the two hemispheres into conflict may be seen at the International Rugby Football Board's annual meeting in April in Wellington. The Australians and New Zealanders may be most in-

it seems apparent that two

distinct lobbies are develop-

terested when they meet in the development of an international and inter-provincial playing structure over the next two seasons, involving their own countries, South Africa: Argentina and the Pacific Islands. Any such structure, would need to take into consideration existing tour arrangements — Australia, for example, are due to tour New Zealand in 1994.

Inevitably there will also be discussion of the 1995 World Cup, the venue for which has yet to be confirmed. Assuming the complete reintegration of South African rugby the official launch of the new governing body is on March 20 — agreement by the southern hemisphere over South Africa as the potential venue would provide close to an irresistible force.

Other topics of debate in Sydney will include amateurism (including the vexed question of the size of commercial logos) and the standardisation of balls used for international matches.

Injuries force changes

INJURIES have forced two nationals in Thierry Lacroix, changes to the England party that travels to Toulouse today for the student international against France at Ramonville tomorrow (David Hands

Andrew Fields, the hooker. and Richard Bramley, a lock, both from Nottingham University, have withdrawn from the replacements and their places go to Michael Hayton. of Liverpool University, and Peter Thresher, of Oxford University.

England's; opponents are due to include two full inter-

a stand-off half, and Serge Simon, the Bègles prop. ☐ Imperial College, London. made their way to the semifinals of the Commercial Union UAU championships

yesterday. They beat Surrey 20-3 and now play Durham on February 26 at a neutral venue. Swansea, beaten finalists for the last four years, were defeated 15-13 at home by Bristol.

QUARTER-FINAL PRESILTS: Imperial College 20, Surrey 3, Newcaetle 13, Durham 26; Southempton 3, Loughborough 12; Swansea 13, Bristol 15.

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Injury sustained in the Open Championship still haunts World Cup player

Boxall faces a daunting. task on road to recovery

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SEVEN months after breaking his leg in the Open Championship at Birkdale, the England World Cup golfer, Richard Boxall, will make his competitive comeback tomorrow. He admits he is "a

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n Diego

Boxall, who will play in the Turespana Masters in Malaga. said: "Every now and then, I still feel a twinge and I am afraid of committing my-self. I feel on edge because I don't know what to expect. Making the halfway cut would be like winning the tournament."

Boxall, aged 30, from Camberley Heath in Surrey, was just two strokes off the lead in the Open when he drove off the ninth tee in the third round. An almighty crack was heard and he fell in a heap. A week that promised to be the making of him instead proved to be the breaking of him. He spent the next 18 weeks in plaster and then came the long haul back

"The injury has probably set my career back 18 months," he said. "If I finish in the top 50 in the Order of Merit this season, I think it will be an achievement. I'm totally in the dark about what to expect. Nobody knows why my leg went and I've got to ease myself back and take one

Boxail had four weeks' re-habilitation at the Lilleshall

while there met the England fast bowler, David Lawrence, whose own future is now in doubt after his knee injury.
"We played sit-down volley

message for him, it is that things do get better."
When Boxail started prac-

tising again last month, he must have wondered what somebody was trying to tell him. A ball struck his other leg and he had to be taken away for treatment.

Also returning to action this week is José-Maria Olazábal, though his break has been purely voluntary. The world No. 3 has not played since November 25, but he comes back as he left with a neck muscle injury.

"I started practising on January 12 and after a week 1 had the same problem," he said. "I'm told it is going to take some time to get rid of it, and for the moment I can't practice as hard as I used to." It was a late decision to bring the £300,000 tournament to the El Parador club in Malaga and Olazabal is

pleased at the choice. Severiano Ballesteros has never before played Spain's third-oldest course, but he arrives full of confidence after his fiftieth European tour victory in Dubai on Sunday. Ronan Rafferty, whom

Ballesteros beat in a play-off at the weekend, takes this week off, as does Nick Faido



Sights on a brighter future: Boxall is on the road to recovery after injury

Norman in search of a record score

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS **GOLF CORRESPONDENT** IN MELBOURNE

THE old adage of horses for courses was very much on the mind of Greg Norman as he the Australian Masters, sponsored by Pyramid, here on the Huntingdale course. Norman was hoping to regenerate his game on the narrow, tree-lined course where he has won no fewer than six Australian Masters titles.

"I play Huntingdale totally differently to any other course in the world," he said. "I feel comfortable here and that means a lot. There are courses which suit players.

BY RICHARD WETHERELL

A LARGE part of the reason

why the World League of American Football (WLAF)

did not become a one-season

wonder, as appeared likely

last autumn, was the scale of

its success in Europe. Those

pushing for a continuation

pointed to the rapturous re-

sponse given at Barcelona.

Frankfurt and London for

this "foreign" game.

And so the second season

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ng power.

orce change

Only a couple of weeks ago Mark O'Meara won the National Pro-Am title on the Pebble Beach course for the third time. I have a feet for Huntingdale and right now there is nothing more I would like Masters title."

Norman, however, believes he will need to lower his own record aggregate of 273 to triumph. "The greens are not as fiery as they can be," he said. "They should stay fairly receptive throughout the four days and it might need a score of 20 under or more to

win. The problem for Norman is that the mere suggestion of there being a flaw in his game

begins on March 21, when

Barcelona host Frankfurt at

Bruce Dworshak was the WLAF's European co-ordina-

tor last season and at a press

conference to announce tele-

vision coverage by the Euro-

pean Sports Network of 18 games, as well as the play-

offs and World Bowl, he reit-

erated this point. "Europe

was the bastion of the

league," he said.

A perusal of the atten-

the Olympic stadium.

will harm his confidence. He has not won for 20 months, and has tumbled from first to seventh in the Sony World Rankings. He is in danger, too of losing his place as the Austra-

er-Finch, the Open champion, or Rodger Davis. Norman, however, appears to have prepared himself to respond to the challenge. There is a lean, hungry look about him. He is working harder than ever on the practice range. Some Australian

observers believe that his return to form is imminent. Yet if Norman's assertion that Australia could now field a team stronger than those of

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

League looks to Europe to maintain growth dances of the final three

games played in Europe last season bear that out. The two

games between London Monarchs and Barcelona

Dragons at Wembley drew

more than a combined

110,000, while Frankfurt Galaxy's last game was

watched by more than

Also, the sales of merchan-

At the World Bowl, more

dise was impressive, to say

50,000 people.

the least.

Europe and the United States in the Ryder Cup is true then he faces a rigorous examination against his fellow

Baker-Finch, Michael Clayton, Davis, Michael Parry, Wayne Riley and Peter Senior are among those who have won tournaments during Norman's frustrating 20 months without a success

The international challenge is led by John Daly, the American, who won the US PGA Championship last Au-gust, with David Feherty, who arrived late because his visas had lapsed, Chris Moody and Gary Wolstenholme, the Amateur

than £150,000 worth of

goods were sold and an un-

precedented ratio of pro-

grammes, two for every five

of the 61,000 crowd. Barce-

lona averaged more than £50,000 of goods sold per

Despite the lack of publici-

ty during the long close-sea-

son - the World Bowl took

place at the beginning of

June - interest is commend-

ably high. Frankfurt have sold 7,000 season tickets

champion, representing Britain.

Daly has sparked enormous interest in Australia because of his self-styled. "Grip it and rip it" philosophy, but he has indicated that bag this week."Huntingdale is unusual for me," he said. "In the States I would use the driver probably ten to 12 times a round, but here f reckon I might only pull it out once or twice."

Daly is in good humour following the news that his former fiancee has withdrawn a lawsuit that said he owed her US \$1 million for breaking a promise of

porters' club that numbers 30,000. Capitalising on that,

three new American football

magazines appeared in

phrase about the Dallas Cowboys being 'America's team' we wouldn't mind be-

coming Europe's team."

Spain last autumn.

TENNIS

A further setback befalls **Agassi**

Brussels: Andre Agassi was bundled out of the Belgian indoor ATP tennis tournament by unseeded Alexander Volkov yesterday, underlining the American's continuing failure to make the most of his talent.

Agassi, the eighth seed, had struggled to overcome the Austrian qualifier Alex Antonitsch in the first round. Yesterday he went down 6-7, 3-6, 3 in his second round contest, making numerous unforced errors against his opponent from the Common-

wealth of Independent States.
"Somebody had to lose out there, and I didn't deserve to win," Agassi said. "I feel like I'm trying but it's just not there. I work so hard and the ball doesn't go anywhere. I run so hard and I feel like I'm out of position all the time.
It's frustrating."
Agassi, who has slipped to

14th in the world rankings from a career high of third. lost to the Swiss Jakob Hlasek in the first round of the Milan tournament last week.

The American blamed his service in particular for the below-par showing after looking looking well on his way to victory when he raced to a 5-2 lead in the first set. But mistakes allowed Volkov to come back into the match and win the tie-break 7-5.

"Right now it's not an accomplishment to beat me, it really isn't," was Agassi's

summing up. Jakob Hlasek, of Switzerland, was given a warning and then docked a penalty point in his 6-3, 6-3 first round defeat by the Croatian, Goran Ivanisevic, who was also warned for slamming down his racket - and breaking it — in the first set.

Hlasek was warned for hurling his racket to the ground when trailing 3-2 in the second. "Look, it isn't broken," he told the umpire before losing his serve on a double fault. The usually subdued Hlasek was penalised a point when he threw two bails towards the umpire in frus-

The holder and fifth seed Guy Forget, of France, had an easier than expected passage into the second round, beating hard-hitting Swede Magnus Gustaisson by 6-2. 6-4. (Reuter)

The British No. 1 Jeremy Bates served his way out of trouble to reach the second round of the LTA men's indoor satellite tournament at

Bates found himself 4-1 down to the Italian Alessandro Dalboni in the first set but lashed down seven aces in the next five games to turn the game round.

FOOTBALL

Dresden are hit hard by secret police revelations

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

DYNAMO Dresden, virtually bankrupt and struggling to compete on equal terms with Bundesliga clubs, may have suffered a crucial blow with the exposure of key players as former secret police informers.

The quest for sponsors to ensure the former Leading East German side's survival beyond this season has been hurt by the scandal over collaboration with the Communist country's Stasi security

"After the revelations of Stasi activity, we must (consider) very seriously the sport and economic future of Dynamo Dresden," a club official said.

Last month, secret files of the once dreaded Stasi were opened for public inspection. Among the former Stasi informers exposed were eight Dynamo players and officials. Torsten Gütschow, a forward, was among them and admitted having passed information on team-mates, friends and family to the Stasi from 1981 to 1989.

He said he was blackmailed into Stasi undercover work at the age of 17 because security agents had threatened to break up his relation-ship with his girlfriend.

But Dynamo, mired in the depths of Germany's first division, won a surprising vote of confidence last weekend when a crowd of 13,000 cheered, rather than jeered, throughout their first home game since the Stasi affair. The cheers rose to a crescendo when Gütschow scored.

"Gütschow has shown he is the striker of Dresden. As far as the Stasi goes, people should leave him alone." one supporter, Dittrich Jens, said. "The fans will stick by him."

Dynamo were one of two East German teams promoted to the German Bundesliga after the eastern Oberliga was abolished as part of Germa-

ny's 1990 reunification. But neither side has fared well against the western competition. Hansa Rostock are thirteenth and Dynamo have plummetted to eighteenth in the 20-team first division, with just six wins in 23

Dynamo's adjustment to market economics has been rough. Internal inefficiency and the disappearance of blanket state subsidies have driven the team to the verge of

bankruptcy.

They have not paid their bills for months. Players are not getting their salaries and the club is threatened with having power turned off at the stadium because of non-payment of rent. Dynamo have been scrambling for months to come up with a ball-out plan to satisfy Bundesliga authorities.

And now their links to the Stasi, the most reviled symbol of defunct East Germany that hired hundreds of thousands of people to spy on each other, may have ended any hope.

If the team is one of four relegated at the end of the season, making it almost impossible to attract sponsors, it could be end of the line for

The Rush factor made all the difference

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

BRISTOL Rovers earned a prolonged standing ovation at Anfield on Tuesday night, but it was Liverpool who have a date in Ipswich Town on Sunday in the fifth round of

the FA Cup.
A 2-1 result saw to that, but it was achieved only after the second division team had assumed a first-half lead with goal by Carl Saunders.

The introduction of lan Rush at half-time helped swing things Liverpool's way. Rush's arrival on the scene was the cue for Steve McManaman to be switched to the right flank, and on, his twentieth birthday, McManaman not only scored the equaliser but creat-ed the winner for Dean

Saunders. Arsenal have still to win a League win at Ewood Park.

first division match at Highbury in 1992. They were held 1-1 by Norwich City -- the goals coming from Ruel Fox and Paul Merson in what George Graham, the Arsenal manager, described as an "instantly forgettable

Afterwards around 200 Arsenal supporters staged a 60-minute sit-in protest against the contentious bond scheme which is intended to raise £20 million for ground redevelopment. Others stayed away and the crowd of 22,352 was the lowest at Highbury this season.

Blackburn Rovers consoli-dated their position at the top of the second division, defeating Derby County 2-0 to record their tenth successive

YACHTING

Struggling Conner allowed change

FROM BOB ROSS IN SAN DIEGO

AFTER three defeats in a row by embarrasingly large margins at the hands of America3 With that type of backing elsewhere, Billy Hicks, the Monarchs' general manager, was being slightly optimistic when he said: "To recoin a in the defender trials, Dennis Conner's team has been given special permission to discard the radical keel/rudder syst-

em of Stars and Stripes. The defence committee of the America's Cup organising committee waived the rule preventing a "mode"

change — which can involve re-ballasting, moving the rig and moving or changing the underwater appendages during a round-robin with the approval of the America3 syndicate headed by Bill Koch. America³ will now also be permitted to make one future mid-series change.

The race committee in the defender trials, yesterday

postponed the match between Stars and Stripes and Defiant because of an approaching Pacific storm with gusts of more than 30 knots ahead

The match was rescheduled for today, tomorrow's lay day will be maintained and the spare day next Tuesday utilised for the final match of the round.

Targeting Palma

Sharron Davies has withdrawn from this weekend's Speedo British grand Prix swimming meeting in Cardiff. The 1980 Olympic silver medal winner had entered four events, including the 200 metres invididual medley.

But Davies, aged 29, said yesterday that she had decided to give Cardiff a miss after qualifying for the World Cup grand prix finals in Palma. Majorca, at the end of this month. "I only entered for Cardiff in case I decided I needed some racing and I will get that in Palma now," she

Sprinting home Cycling: Olaf Ludwig won a

sprint finish to the second stage of the Mediterranean Tour race in Arles, France yesterday, but his fellow German, Rolf Golz, still holds an overall lead of more than 20 minutes. The Dutch trio of Jelle Nijdam, Michel Zanoni and Jean-Paul Van Poppel followed Ludwig across the line in the 152-kilometre run from Valras Plage to Arles.

Fifth in line

Racing: Philip Mitchell's Flight Lieutenant, ridden by Bruce Raymond, finished a close-up fifth in the Prix du Logis du Pin at Cagnes-sur-Mer yesterday.

Vialli decider

Football: A goal from Gianluca Vialli two minutes from time gave the champions, Sampdoria, a 1-0 victory over AS Roma in the first leg of their Italian Cup quarterfinal in Genoa yesterday.

Lyle's debut

Golf: Sandy Lyle opens his American Tour campaign when he tackles a field inluding his fellow Open winners, Mark Calcavecchia and Johnny Miller, in the Northern Telecom Open in Tuscon

Seeking funds

Rugby league: The British Amateur Rugby League Association has applied to the Foundation for Sport and the Arts for a grant of £2 million to support a development programme for improving dub house, floodlighting, training and spectator facilities at amateur rugby league grounds throughout the north of England.

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FOOTBALL INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Finland 1, Late results on Tuesday

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Fleming (Glasgow), 4min 34.3sec. 60m
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BOXING

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SNOOKER NEWPORT: Regal Welsh Open: Shith round: J Parrott (Eng) bl A Jones (Eng), 5-1. Frame scores (Parrott first): 89-20, 98-11, 121-5, 61-28, 49-55, 54-51 SQUASH WACKETS

SRA Women's Superleague: MS Countlands 2, Mozaic Priory 1 (Li Irving Iost



Jeremy Bates: victory in Telford tournament

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RFU makes lump-sum payment

Teague receives compensation for grave injuries

THE Rugby Football Union (RFU) has made a private lump-sum payment to the England international back row forward, Mike Teague, for his injuries suffered dur-

ing the World Cup. Teague, who was injured so badly during the tournament that he has been unable to play or even work property since November, has received a sum believed to be a few thousand pounds as compensation for his loss of earnings potential

The RFU secretary, Dudley Wood, said yesterday that the Union was pleased the matter had been settled amicably.

'We reached an agreement with Mike for an ex-gratia payment, although the precise sum is a private matter between the two parties.

There was a lot of concern about Mike Teague's difficulties. I could not recall anything like that before where a player had even been unable to work properly due to his

Wood said the extent of Teague's injuries had been confirmed medically and called the dammage that the player had suffered "very

It is not the first time the RFU has made a special payment of this nature to a player. But the need to pay out on an occasional basis will not persuade the RFU to alter its policy of refusing to take out insurance against possible loss of earnings to players representing their country.
It will not do so due to the

PHILIPPE Saint-André

emerged unscathed from a

fitness test on his strained

hamstring yesterday and is

expected to be included in the

French team to play England

at the Parc des Princes in

Saturday's five nations'

Montferrand wing who

scored such a spectacular try

championship match.

Saint-André.

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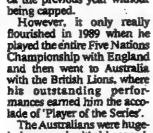
Wood made the assurance that such cases would continue to be dealt with carefully and sympathetically.

"We would always look at this sort of thing. There are policies available which individual players can take out and of course clubs tend to

have suitable policies in place.
"We don't do it simply because after costing it we found it would be more expensive to pay the premiums. That policy has been justified.

"We shall continue to do that, taking each occasion as it arises. We acknowledge that if we choose not to take out certain policies we have a responsibility to look after any situation of this kind

Medical opinion is that Teague requires a lengthy



Saint-André passed fit

against England last season

at Twickenham, hurt his leg

playing on Sunday. Pierre

Berbizier, the coach, will con-

Christophe Mougeot, the

Begles lock who left the field

during France's 12-9 win

over Wales on February 1.

has recovered from a strained

calf muscle and remains in

contention for a second-row

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rest from the physical demands of his sport to regain complete fitness. He is most unlikely to play again this season but has not yet decided whether to retire or start again next season.

'His more immediate concern is to recover sufficiently to take up once more a full role in his family'ds building

The matter is regarded with some sensitivity between the player and the Rugby Union. Teague, who will be 33 in October and won his 22nd cap in the World Cup final, was reluctant to discuss

He said from his Gloucester home: "I am enjoying the rest I'm having from the game and do not wish to talk about this. I would have to talk to Twickenham first and therefore have no other comment to make.

Teague's international career began in 1985, although he toured South Africa the previous year without

Championship with England with the British Lions, where

impressed with his contriutions on the blind side of the scrum but England switched him to No. 8 during the World Cup to replace Dean Richards.

place with Jean-Marie

France have adopted a low-

Cadien and Olivier Roumat.

key approach to the match.

which is likely to decide the

championship. England assembled in Richmond last

night, with Rob Andrew, the

stand-off half, predicting no

repetition of the free-flowing

England won 38-9.

same with Ireland, which

less in an international," An-

drew said. "But things will be

different in Paris. I don't

expect to be flashing the ball

out to the centres as much as I did against Ireland."

French will try to play off their back row and create a broken field. "Given space,

we know their backs can be

very dangerous," Geoff

Neil Back, the Leicester

flanker, has not recovered

from a shoulder injury and is

replaced by Justyn Cassell,

from Saracens, in the B team

to play France in Paris on the

same day.

Wales stage a three-day

training camp in Cardiff and have brought in five newcom-

ers to a squad of 35. They are

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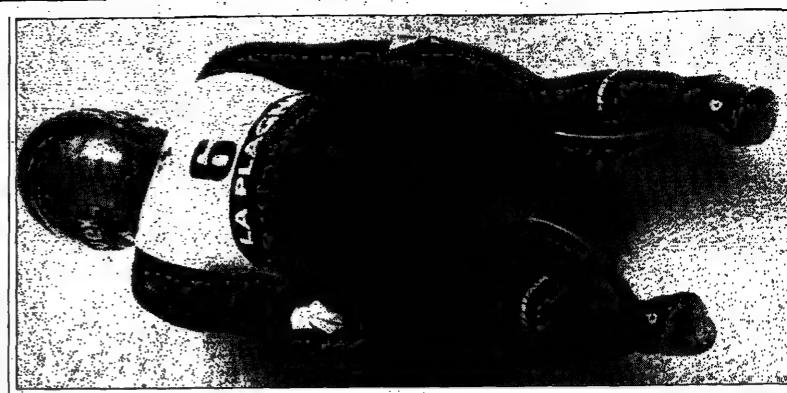
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'i have never used my boot



Glory-bound: Doris Neuner, above, glides down the luge track to a gold medal at La Plagne and later celebrates with her sister, Angelika, below, left, who helped to create history by collecting the silver medal in the same event



Sisters set record

La Plagne: Doris Neuner and her sister, Angelika, broke the German domination of the luge by sharing Austria's first Olympic gold and silver medals in the women's singles here yesterday (Chris Moore

They are only the second sisters in Olympic history to win gold and silver in the same event at the Winter

At Innsbruck in 1964 the renowned French skiers. Marielle and Christine Goitschell were first and second in the giant slalom, a feat they repeated, though in reverse order, in the special

East German lugers had completed a clean sweep of all

three medals at the previous two winter Olympics in Sarajevo and Calgary. But although their world and European champion. Susi Erdmann, the firm favourite before the start, came through with the fastest time on yesterday's fourth and final run, she could only finish in the bronze medal position, 0.419 seconds behind Doris Neuner who had led from the

The 20-year-old from Innsbruck was only third fastest on both the last two runs. But she finished 0.073sec ahead of her 22-year-old sister in a winning time of 3:06.696sec. giving Austria their third gold medal of these Games.

Court action in card wars

FROM DAVID MILLER IN ALBERTVILLE

WITH Coca-Cola having signature to the Top III the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta — at a figure thought to be around \$35 million — marketing of the Olympics is just about the biggest event currently taking place in the Savoie Alps. vo controversial issues have emerged in the past couple of days.
The French organising

committee for the winter Games, it is revealed, has successfully taken legal action in court in Paris to prevent American Express pretending that they are an involved sponsor, having in fact contributed nothing to the Games or the IOC in official sponsorship. American Express are thereby prevented from illegally using the rings and other symbols in sales promotion either in Savoie or at home

The action by the French has been for the protection of Visa, one of the 12 members of Top II, which has made great play of being the official credit card for the games. Visa has provoked their rivals by "comparative advertising", claiming that AmEx was not usable during the Games, though of course a huge number of non-Olympic es-

AmEx's retaliation has been a spate of ambush marketing, as it is termed. At a press conference yes-

tablishments accept many

the United States Olympic Committee, Richard Pound, the IOC's chairman of the commission for new fi-nances, said: "Ambush marketing is parasitic, implying a connection with the Games that does not exist. The IOC, and athletes, are dependent on private sector sponsorship and we have to protect this."

One of the effects of the row between rival multi-national companies has been to grant substantial publicity to the offender, though Pound said: "If they (AmEn) want bad publicity. we'll give them as much as

Montiers: Jean-Claude

Killy. co-president of the

French Olympic Organising

Committee, told Paula

Zahn, of CBS, the US net-

work, that this would be the

last Olympics he would

When once is plenty

a fine borderline between e illegal and the immoral in false association in advertising, and there is a naivety in the IOC view that commercial enterprises set out to defend their share of the market. The irony is that Ameri-

can Express were invited to join Top I, the programme leading up to the Olympic Games in Seoul, but declined. The representatives who took that decision have, I understand, been fired. Not only is Olympic sponsorship now regarded as an invaluable arena for reaching commercial cli-ents, but it is a substantial part of the Olympic movement's present four-year in-come of \$1.84 billion.

A Russian journalist yes-terday Sought to suggest that the Games were becoming too commercial, a view revealing gross misun-derstanding of his country's own position. The entire expenses of the United Team (EUN) at Albertville having been covered by a contract with Adidas.

It has also become known that the international Amateur Athletic Federation

When Zahn asked him if

he would go through the

experience again, Killy did

not hesitate, saying "No,

never again. The first time

around was a privilege. The

second time around would

be a suicide." (Agencies)

European Broadcasting Union (EBU) for \$70 mil-lion for the four year period I understand that a letter from the ISL marketing

(IAAF) may refuse to sign its

company, which acts as-agents for the IAAF, has written to the EBU saying there are legal complica-tions within the European Community that may arise should they sign the contract; a contract that has risen more than tenfold from the \$6 million of the previous one. Although the LAAF is cit-

ing legal complications, the suspicion must be that they wish to renegotiate with European countries on an individual basis. The BBC, for instance, were a prominent party to the proposed EBU contract of \$70 million, but if the position again be-comes open, ITV could step into the market and that would offer a link into the

prosperous BSkyB market. One of the problems with conventional network broadcasting is that only some ten per cent of the available material is screened. The involvement of BSkyB would open the chance for utilisation of many hours of specialist video recording appealing to the interest of minority

groups. The winter Games at Albertville are the first in-stance of a two-tier structure in television coverage, the CBS American network sub-contracting much unused material to

Phipps given chance

FROM CHRIS MOORE

NICK Phipps will make his long-awaited Olympic debut as a driver in the No. 2 British bob in Saturday's two-

man competition here. right to partner Mark Tout. who was pre-selected, after beating Sean Ollson by a convincing 0.87sec over two runs in last night's selection race-off. Significantly, Phipps and his brakeman. Dave Armstrong, won the show-down using Tour's Dresden runners. The British team management had sanctioned the switch to stage a fairer

It is likely that Phipps will use Olison's runners in the Olympic race. "This is what I've worked all my bobbing career for," he said. The former British champion. who was forced out of the 1984 Winter Games in Sarajevo through injury, said. "I don't think I've ever been so nervous before a race." he added. "But it looks like we're running into form at exactly the right time."

night's race off on the opening run when off a slower start, he beat Ollson and his brakeman Eric Sekwalor by

"That's probably as well as I've ever driven because I got it almost exactly right all the way down," he said.

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Aldershot's ray of hope

By LOUISE TAYLOR

ALDERSHOT's future will be determined tomorrow. The demise or survival of the fourth division's second bottom club depends on the outcome of negotiations involving Trevor Gladwell, its chairman, and a London Property Development com-

Gladwell said that he would give it until tomorrow to see if a rescue package could be constructed with Taylor Nunn Associates and three other potential backers. If not, the club would fold.

The possibilities of success have been enhanced by the reduction of the club's El million debt by a third, on Tuesday, when the directors decided to waive all financial claims against Aldershot.

receive from Taylor Nunn, he also needs an injection of £50,000 each from three other would-be saviours. In anticipation of Satur-

day's match ar Doncaster Rovers taking place, the Aldershot supporters club has raised £600 to fund the cost of coach travel to South York-Meanwhile, the players, who have not been paid for

ing individually at home and becoming increasingly unhappy with their situation. David Puckett, their leading scorer, said: "Our patience is running out. It is getting close to the point where we ask, are we pre-

almost seven weeks, are train-

pared to keep on playing?

Ian McDonald, the care-However, in addition to the £150,000 Gladwell hopes to a professional club, but we

are having to act like amateurs. If the players are not paid by Friday, they are entitled to tell the League that they will not play because their contracts have been bro-

☐ Miliwall has decided to construct its new ground at. Senegal Fields with a capacity of 20,000 rather than the 25,000 originally projected. Reg Burr, the Milwall chairman, said yesterday: "Our funding is such that we cannot afford a 25,000 capacity at present, although we will have the option to extend it to 20,000. Some of our supporters are a wee bit upset but we believe that quality of facilities is more important than quantity of spaces." The dub has already sold its present ground. The Den. to

Fairview Homes.

Sandford cast as scapegoat BY PETER BALL

A WEEK of crucial meetings for English football has a lowkey beginning. The Football League Management Committee meeting in London today is less important in the short term than the decision on the future of the Premier League which will occupy the Premier League, the Football League clubs and finally the Football Association council in the coming days.

But in the longer term, the Football League has serious issues to consider. Two stand out the continuing specula-tion over the position of the League's chief executive, Arthur Sandford, and planning for the future.

The former is in danger of becoming an embarrassment. It has been widely rumoured that with retrenchment essential for the League the Premier League fell apart.

away, Sandford's position is at risk, with the added suspicion that he is being cast as the scapegoat for the break-up of the League. That is understandable, if unfair. What is damaging is for the situation to remain unresolved, with Sandford

if the first division breaks

continuing as a lame-duck chief executive. The time has surely come for the League either to give him an unequivocal vote of confidence, or to resolve the matter once and

If anything, contingency plans for the future are even more important. With commercial contracts still up in the air and no television contract for next season, the Football League would need to be ready to react quickly if



Sandford: under threat

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Portrait of a fallen writer

The Coen brothers' Barton Fink, the best film at Cannes, leads American cinema into uncharted territory. Geoff Brown marvels at this cataclysmic comedy

he bespectacled hero stands before the lobby desk in the Hotel Earle, one of Hollywood's less desirable addresses. "I'm check-ing in Barton Fink." Wallpaper, furnishings and potted banana trees conspire to suggest a rotting, an deco jungle. This is home for most of the Coen brothers marvellously macabre and funny Barton Fink, which dominated the Cannes awards last year, and is released here tomorrow. First came the Best Actor prize,

set record

Phipps

given

chance

for John Turturro's entrancing performance as the Earle's new resident, a feted New York playwright struggling in 1941 to write his first movie. Then the Coen brothers, Joel and Ethan - two lanky, laconic, movie-crazed lads from Minneapolis - were anointed Best Director (although only Joel receives credit on screen). Finally came the prestigious Palme d'Or, the award for the best film. All told, the Coens must have felt like James Cagney at the end of White Heat: "Made it, ma, top of the world!"

Yet movie connoisseurs never needed Cannes to alert them to the Coen brothers' gifts. Their past films (Blood Simple, Raising Ari-zona, Miller's Crossing) did that. None became a large commercial success: all won cult following for their visual dynamism, firecracker dialogue and flair for surrealistpastiche. Like David Lynch, the Coen brothers relish the dark underside to Hollywood cliches: they take American cinema to places it has never been

Barton Fink journeys further down the path. Tinseltown itself is the setting, and corrosive glimpses of studio types fill the background. But the usual apparatus of Hollywood-on-Hollywood is not for the Coens: no Star is Born tale of a careers on a yo-yo; no casting

couch frolic. Instead, we stay close to Fink, the prissy, self-absorbed artist who championed the common man's soul in his play Bare Ruined Choirs, and now sits in Lotusland with typewriter, mosquito and green peeling wallpaper, struggling over a wrestling movie for Wallace Beery. "Big men in tights," his producer snaps. "You

know the drill." Conventional comedy makes a fetish of speed. Barton Fink risks audience fidgets by dragging its feet. Eyes fixed in a startled stare behind horn-rimmed glasses, Fink might have landed on a distant planet. Every bedspring, mosquito hum or opened door resonates mightily before the hotel's silence returns. For, apart from himself and a burty insurance salesman next door (just the kind of common man Fink likes to write about), the Earle seems strangely empty.
Fink's creative progress matches

the film's slow crawl. "Fade In."
Fink writes. "A tenement building on Manhaman's Lower East Side." Days later, the sentence has scarcely advanced. Only rigorous control can reap comic rewards when the pace suggests a funeral. The Coens manage brilliantly, holding the audience in their palm as they plumb the absurdity of Fink's predicament. John Turturro (cast as Bernie Bernbaum; the smiling weasel in Miller's Crossing) works wonders, too, humanising a character who could easily appear unlikeable.

The film begins as comedy, it ends close to apocalyptic drama. To reveal the precise intermediate steps would spoil the surprises in store, although murder, raging fire and John Goodman's ordi-nary Joe next door all play their part. Before he moved west. Fink, with typical pomposity, ques-tioned whether Hollywood was "the place to lead the life of the mind". He comes to learn what terrors the mind can hold.

The delirious climax gives British cameraman Roger Deakins and the technical boys much to chew on. Not that they are ever idle. The Coens encourage outlandish japes: they send the camera travelling blithely from lovemaking feet across to the bathroom, up to the sink and down a gurgling, symbolic plug-

The disturbing finale makes Barton Fink far harder to categorise than the Coens' other films. Blood Simple, their superb 1983 debut, reworked the motifs of Hollywood film noir. Raising Arizona sent Nicolas Cage and other hare-brained characters scuttling through an inventive salute to Thirties' screwball comedy. Miller's Crossing stayed in that decade for a gangster tale of hard men in coats, guns and dark-panelled rooms. Aside from Holly-



John Turturro as Fink, a man in a nightmare: with his startled gaze, the prissy, self-absorbed scriptwriter in Hollywood looks as if he has landed on a distant planet

from hard-boiled, hotton Chandler, Hammett and James

Here, though, as we watch Fink struggling to fathom his nightmare, the Coens dig deeper, beyond pastiche, towards the workings of the creative mind. While Joel studied film-making at New York University and earned his spurs editing lurid horror films such as The Evil Dead, Ethan, three years younger, studied philosophy at Princeton University:

wood history, all drew sustenance this ruminative, cataclysmic comyou might say, finally brit their two educations together.

The Coens absorbed Hollywood from their earliest childhood. when Saturday matinée movies recharged the batteries that icy Minneapolis drained. During summer months, they remade their favourites on Super 8mm.

in a sense, they have never stopped: each film builds on the experience of days spent in dark rooms imbibing B-movie thrill-

further and includes Hollywood personalities in the mix. Lipnick the studio head played with bullish panache by Michael Lemer, wraps up Louis B. Mayer, Harry Cohn and others in a comic composite. Visually. Fink recalls Broadway's comic genius George S. Kauiman: both share the same specs, the upward rush of dark hair. But beyond the surface lies Clifford Odets, the Group The

atre's pride and joy, whose rhap-sodic style is cruelly parodied in Bare Ruined Choirs. Odets, too, went Hollywood. enticed and trapped by the large sums needed to support the Group Theatre. He tied himself in ps chological knots trying to justify writing for Gary Cooper, Joan Crawford and, later, Elvis Presley. "Great audiences", he proclaimed in 1937, "are waiting now to have their own experiences explained

and interpreted for them."
With John Mahoney's W.P. Mayhew, a sodden, moustachioed Southern novelist plunging downhill on the studio payroll, the real-hife parallel is stronger still. This is William Faulkner — periodically driven to Hollywood and drink by the need to grab the money that his novels failed to earn. Fink treats Mayhew as an oracle, especially since the literary legend is a veteran of movies with big men in tights. Faulkner had indeed written for Wallace Beery, and in 1932 was briefly assigned to a wrestling ten, always seemed hemmed in by

Curiously, for all the Coens' Hollywood lore, time seems to have slipped in Barton Fink. By 1941, the brave new sociallyconscious theatre that Fink burbies about had already erupted: Odets's Waiting For Lefty blazed the trail six years earlier. And by 1941, Beery was getting too old for wrestling movies — a genre which Hollywood never cultivated. If they wanted to show men in tights.

they made them box, not wrestle. No matter. At times in the past, the Coens' films have smacked too much of the exercise: Miller's Crossing, though beautifully writBarton Fink they leave mere cleverness behind and build a crazy, haunting world of their own from Hollywood's bricks.

Barton Fink (15) is released tomorrow

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Partnership of contrasts: Ethan Coen, a philosophy major, and brother Joel, who edited horror films

Of mawkish cards and cheap champagne

lease God that I'm not already too late. Now this is what I want you to do. Tornorrow morning, make sure you oversleep slightly, get up, grunt sourly at your partner over the All Bran and throw a muttered and unanswerable domestic complaint (anything - the unpaid gas bill, the unwashed cereal bill, the untidied sock drawer: improvise, can't you?) over your shoulder as you leave for work or the school run. Make sure you slam the door good and hard as you go. Do not, under any circumstances, contact your partner at all during the day. Get home as late as you can, and go straight to bed. Snore, loudly.

Got it? Good. Believe me: together we can get this whole St Valentine's thing licked.

I know it won't be easy. There will be those cocky men at work. the ones with clever boxer shorts and Porsche key-fobs, who spend the rest of the year working their way through the more compliant section of the typing pool, and who will tomorrow grin and tell you how they almost forgot to get their secretaries to Interflora round a dozen red roses to their wives. Or there will be the women who on any other day would be confiding to you and the rest of the world how they really don't know how

they finished up partnered to such spineless, underpaid, untalented slobs, who tomorrow will show you the snookums hunkybear ads they have taken in this very paper. Tomorrow you will hear heartrending stories of surprise trips to Paris, of champagne dinners, of fortunes spent on underwear and glossy cards and baby sitters.

Cover your ears. Whistle loudly. Close your eyes tight and try to remember the whole of the cupwinning '62 Spurs squad or the cast list of Peyton Place. Anything. as long as you don't find yourself responding, as you are meant to respond, "Really? How romantic."

Just repeat after me: St Valentine's day is not romantic. Or, it is the least romantic day of the year. And the question you must ask yourself is this: do you love your partner enough to ignore Si Valen-

tine's day totally and absolutely? I'll admit it: I used to be a Valentine's sucker 100. The red roses, the dinners, the whole evening of attentions relatively. undivided, the full bit. I would settle the bill in the local trat with the discreet flourish of Casanova reincarnate, and inscribe dedications in the end papers of Penguin Editions of Donne and Marvel "Come live with me and be my love . . . or if not that, how about a

PRIVATE LIFE John Diamond on the least romantic

day of the year

weekend in Brighton some time?") as if their seductive poetry was my own. And then I met this girl who in case I had anything big planned

told me one February 13 that, just for the next day, it was as well I should know that she didn't believe in St Valentine's day.

What did she mean, "didn't

there were lots of people our there buying each other flowers and

believe"? Well, she believed that

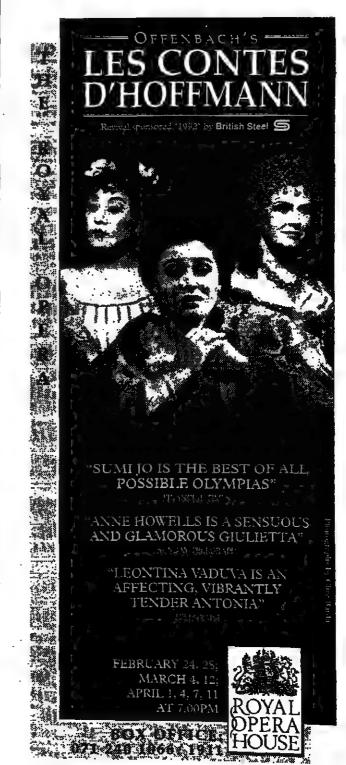
mawkish cards and cheap cham-pagne. She believed that there were loss of other people sending anonymous cards confessing something they called love to people whom they couldn't really love if they only knew their correspondents so slightly that they had to write anonymously. So while she believed something called Valemine's day existed, she didn't believe it had anything to do with love, or even affection, or, and this least of all, romance.

She had, I realised, a point, which is: anybody can send a card or buy a meal on Valentine's day. It is no more a manifestation of true love to send a seductive message dreamt by a team of professional seducers at Hallmark Cards Ltd than it is an indication of your intellectuality that you keep your Schwarzenegger videos in tape cases styled as leather-bound editions of Dostoevsky.

None of which is to say that there aren't special days which can be legitimately celebrated. Anniversaries are romantic, because they are, at least, exclusive to that one three-hundred-and-sixty-fifth of the population who met, or married, or bedded each other on that day. They are romantic because your memory is never jogged by a damn great sign in the

Don't forget! On November 26, it will be ten years since your trolleys collided at Tesco, and she apologised so profusely that you thought you might be in with a chance there." Anniversaries are romantic because you can be pretty sure that Barry Manilow won't be the recipient of 2,000 copies of the same card that you will send. Anniversaries are romantic, birthdays can be romantic, non-anniversary just-for-thehell-of-it champagne meals and weekends away and silk knickers are most romantic of all. Valen-

tines are not Remember, after all, that the question you are most likely to be asked in the office tomorrow is not "did you get a Valentine's card?" but "how many Valentine's cards did you get, then?" And the chances are that the person who has sent or received most cards is not the most loved person you know, but the least loved. Valen-tine's people are either life's perpetual one night stands, firing off cards as linle lustful por-shots into the sexual void, or they are those sad, concerned singles whose cards speak neither of lust nor love but of a cosy niceness which, perhaps unfortunately, has nothing to do with either.



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IN THE MIDDLE, SOMEWHAT ELEVATED: The Royal Ballet pri ELEVATED: The Royal Ballet presents a new acquisition, a one-act ballet by the American choraographer William Forsythe, artistic director of the Frankfurt Ballet. The peop was originally created for Sylvie Guillem and Laurent Hillare at the Paris Opera in 1987. The sense couple take the leading roles for the work's Covent Carden premiere. The piece is presented as part of a mosed bill which presented as part of a mosed bill which n premiere. The piece is ted as part of a moved bill which also includes Ashton's two linest Scénes de ballet. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. London WC2 (071-240 1086), 7.30pm.

STREET SCENE: Kurt Well's street te opera/musical, in David Pounthey's original production, returns to the English National Opera repertoire. staged by Nicolette Moiner Janice Ceims sings the role of Anna Maum Mark Richardson is her bruts! husbe Mark Richardson is her brutal husband Frank and Lastey Garrett their daughter Rose James Holmes conducts the first

OPERA NORTH: The company continues its sesson in Nottingham this week before moving to Hull. Tonight Paul Daniel conducts the company in the seconglished revival of Franz Schreiker's rarely heard, departmental opers Der farme Klang, directed by the Helitonukshed mezzo-second Paulité. Ostrigunates includes Fessolander. A strong cast includes Virginia Kerr, Kim Begley, William Dazzley, Philip Shaffield, and Flona Kimm. Also in reportoire this week in iou,s bux

T 'ALLO, 'ALLO: Gordon Keye and his team of funny frogs and trauts up to their terrilliar antics. Dominion, Tottenhem Court Road, W1 (071-580 9562). Mon-Thura, 8pm, Fri, Sat. 5 30cm and 6.30cm.

BECKET: Riveting performances from Derek Jacobi and Robert Linds in Anouth's play on the relationship between Thomas & Becket and Henry I Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8900). Mon-Sat, 7-30pm, mate Wed

THE COTTON CLUB: An impression of the Harlem nightspot, high on energy, low on attoy freshness. Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 8404). Mon-Fri, 7-30pm, Sat, 8pm, mete Wad, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins. III DANGING AT LUGHNASA: PAR

AN EVENING WITH GARTY KER: Sometimes droff look s sies of a women matried to a soccer nut. Duchese, Catherine Street, WC2 (071-494 5075). Mon-Thurs, Sprn, Fri, Sat, Sprn and 8 45pm. 130mins.

FAITH HEALER: Stirring performances in Britan Friel's early play (four monologues) exploring a healer's doubts and sporadic powers.
Royal Court, Stoane Squere, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Set, Sprn, mat Set, 4pm, 205mine. Final week,

THE GIGLI CONCERT: Barr millionaira (Tony Doyla) into the naw Glos in Tom Murphy's powerful fable. Almeide, Almeide Street, N1 (071-359 4404), Mon-Set. Bree

SOOD ROCKIN' TONITE
 Satisfying munical celebrating Fittles and Sodies pop cleanics. Great stuff. Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (971-240 0300) Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Ph, Sel, 8-30pm and 8.30pm 215mins.

THE LITTLE CLAY CART: Disappointingly chemics version of what could have been an inspiring gimpse of classical index theatre.

NEW RELEASES DEATH IN SRUNSWICK (15). Sem stor John Ruser

 FOR THE SOYS (15): Song-and The source of the source in three wars, only to be runed by a synthet script. With Bette Midler, James Cal script With Betts Michel, James Caldector, After Ryceld, Camden Parkway (071-287 7034) Odeons: Keratogon (0426 814686) Wast End (0425 818574) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

THE PLEASURE PRINCIPLE (18) THE PLEASURE PRINCIPLE (18) Tangled affers of a philandering journalist (Peter Firth). Flawed comet that seems left over from the Swingor Siches, writer-director David Cohen. Cannons: Full-sam Road (gri1-370 2536) Oxford Street (gr1-538 gr 10) Piccadilly (gr1-437 3581)

URGA (PG)* Nieta Michelkov's mesmerising film about cryllestion ancreaching on the Mongolan ateppes The top prizewener at last year's Venice Film Featival.

Curzon Maytalr (071-465 8866).

LES VALSEUSES (18) Gérard Departieu and Patrick Dewaere in 1974 as two lads with idle hands. Timely revival of Bertrand Sher's terocious, amoral, snock-codiang 1974 romp. Cararion Picoadilly (071-437 3561).

CURRENT

 THE ADDAMS FAMILY (PG) Testy feast of black humour, vispered by the 1960s TV spin-off from Charles
Addams's checabre carloons. Starring. Sonnerteid Cennon Chelsee (071-352 5096) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeone: Kensington (0425 914666) Mezzanine (0426 915663) A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by

TODAY'S EVENTS

steging of Puccini's Madema Butterfly.

Theatre Royal, Theatre Square, Nottingham (0602 482625), 7.15pm. PHILHARMONIA: Claus Peter Flor Print-RAMIN(PICK Climits Peter Flor puts the orchestra through its Peces in works by Revel (the second Dephras of Chicle suits), Haydri (Symphony No 5), Mendelssohn (the First Plano Concerto, with Cacie Clusset), and commendably the programme also includes the world premiere of Nigel Celopore. The Sun of Market The Includes the world premiere of Nigel Qeborne's The Sun of Venice. The concert is performed in Ourham Cathedral Lomorow, before reaching the capital on Saturdey. The Sands Centre, Carlisle (022) 52222, 7 Stepp.

25222), 7.30pm. HALLE: Stanislaw Skrowaczewski conducts the orchestra in Bruckner's Symphony No 2 and Beethoven's Plano Concerto No 3 (with soloiet Piote

Anderszewski). Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester (081-834 1712). 7.30pm. KINATHAN GSE TWIC ACCORD modern paz from a threesome led by the winner of the "most promising newcomer" prize at least year's British international Jezz swerds. Plenist Gee is joined by Wayne Batchelor on bees and Winston Citiford on drums. Pestivel Hall Poyer, South Bank, London SE1 (071-926 8800), 12-30pm. LUCIAN FRIEID: Though all recent shows of Freud seem to include the same nucleus of works, this one covers the whole of his career and has

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment theatre in London Some tests available Seats at all prices

(071-928 2252). Tonight-Set, 7.30pm, meta today, Set, 2.30pm, 205mins. THE MAZMESS OF GEORGE TO Nigel Hawthorns is very fine as a stricken king, but as a whole. Alan Bennett's play does not quite work. National (Lytellon), South Benk, London SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-

☐ ORPHANS: Gripping psychologics thrifer where a wealthy crock is isdespiped by two brothers: the RSC Fringe at its best. Watermens Arts Centre, 40 High Street, Brentford (061-568 1176), Tues-Sal, Spm. 135mins. Final week,

☐ PHANTOM OF THE OPERA: Gleeful version of the old thrifer; tunes by Offenbach, Verdi and Weber but by Offenbach, Verdi and Weber but not Libyd Webber. Shaftsebury, Shaftsebury Avenue, WCZ (071-379 5389), Mon-Fri, 7.30pn Sal, 8.30pn, mats Thurs, 3pm, 8et, 5pm, 150mine.

IJ A POSTER OF THE COSMOS London Gay Theetre Company in five American playlets, witty or polgnant, well done and mostly worth doing, Offstage Downstairs, 37 Chells Farm Road, NW1 (071-857 0457), Tues-Sun, Spm. 135mins.

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Arthur Miller's disappointingly one-sided play where Tom Cond argues the case for bigamy.
Wynchaer's, Chering Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1118), Mon-Set. 7:30pm, pats Thurs; Set, 2:30pm, 180mins.
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Geoff Brown's assessment of release across the country.

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Love gets an offhand betrayal

Making It Better Hampstead

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THE bulk of James Saunders's latest piece occurs in 1989 and, though it is set in London, brings two Czechoslovalcians to the centre of the stage. Yet they might almost as well have come from Mongolia. Chad or even Milton, Keynes, so relatively un-important to their author are the great events unrolling in eastern Europe. Whatever the appearances to the contrary, Making It Better is first cousin to Saunders's all-English Bodies: a play that exudes the same suspicion of people who find the pursuit of happiness simple, the same sympathy for human mess and

Nothing wrong with that, of course, especially when Michael Rudman gets such punctilious performances from his cast. Jane Asher is Diana, a World Service producer, and Larry Lamb is her husband Adrian, who has just bumbled out of the sexual

Her reaction to his defection is to give house-room to a penurious Czech emigre, a failed writer called Josef. This is a plus for him, her and (not least) the audience, given the wonderfully prim diction and courtly manners which that underrated actor, David De Keyser, brings to the part.

But before long he has been mudged out and replaced with her husband's lover, Tomas, a much younger, breezier Czech. The result is misery for almost everybody.

Adrian comes home to rage and stays to blub. Joseph attempts, and botches, a gentlemanly suicide. Even the invulnerable Diana ends up doing a plausible imitation of Phaedra. abjectly confessing her love to a man who, it turns out, has been relaying

FOR the audience, "Leap in the

Dark", a weekend of special pro-

grammes which opened the ten-week "Spring Loaded" festival, was just

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On The Back, by Suzy Blok and Christopher Steel, had zestful originality and playfulness which also

happened to be accompanied by

Kristina Page's Without The Need To

Return combined the present vogue



Landlady and indifferent lover: Jane Asher and Rufus Sewell in Making It Better at Hampstead Theatre

the secrets of the BBC and the bedroom to the old guard in Prague. Only Tomas remains unmoved.

What maners to Saunders is not so much the political betrayal as the emotional one. Tomas is like David in Bodies, a man who has found happiness with the aid of a reductionist philosophy and a certain, shrugging self-mutilation.

For him, people are molecules and God an absurd abstraction: guilt is neurosis and selfishness better than poor old Josef's principled waste of self; wisdom is to live in and for the moment. Put like that, his credo seems hardly more than the kind of .

orthodox unorthodoxy that Ibsen preached 120 years ago. But what really riles Saunders, as it did in Bodies, is the lack of love, the offputting offhandedness that it

suggests Rufus Sewell is a fine Tomas, cool and curt whether he is justifying treachery as a necessary evil or, in the play's postdated coda, inviting Asher to meet the wife and child he has casually acquired. The trouble with the play is not the acting, not the production, but something in the writing. Nowhere does Saunders match the bilious energy that marked

Sometimes there is a lack of focus, too. The mildly denigrating com-ments about this country — "People in England don't seem very content, free country or no free country" - add little more than the snippets from World Service radio programmes

that are covering the scene changes. Yet isn't there an irony in complaining about the indiscipline of an author who quietly proclaims his preference for the warm and unruly to the cold and contained? Saunders may be an imperfect dramatist. He is always worth hearing.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

All jumped together

Leap in the Dark Queen Elizabeth Hall

for rolling, crashing bodies with a narrative thread about a disintegratmigrated for more variety in the movement, but the way the enactment of the drama shifted between different players was ciever.

Also clever was the use made of the commissioned score by Alexander Balanescu, who with his quartet supplied the music for both programmes. Page allowed the music occasionally to stand on its own, its Michael Nyman-inspired rhythmic isyers lending a powerful urgency.

Jacob Marley, who — having given up on finding funds — is now working

in the commercial sector of rock shows and videos, offered Sables and Deities: a refreshing piece, short on structure but long on entertainment, featuring nymphs and warriors in modern dress.

A weak structure made Darshan Singh Bhuller's Once Upon A Time In England look like a work in progress; but the inclusion of the paralysed former dancer Celeste Dandeker extended the scope of the film. The Fall, he made with her a few years ago. Contrasting her with the other, ultra-mobile, members of the cast, he necessarily achieved a sharp poignancy. Yet at the same time by moving and tipping her wheelchair, lifting her, levering her and manipulating her limbs he actually

made her dance. Michael Popper's contribution was pleasant but over-extended; only the remaining work scored nought out of ten. "Leap in The Dark" deserves welcome and repetition.

NADINE MEISNER

Bald men can boogie

POCK -

Lynyrd Skynyrd 1992 **Town and Country**

THEY have added "1992" to their name, but Lynyrd Skynyrd have yet to broach the Eighties, let alone the Nineties. Their one apparent concession to changing times is sartorial: not a pair of flares to be seen on the Town and Country stage.

But the bar-room atmosphere and the Florida boogie-rock could easily have been freeze-dried in 1975. Such traditionalism has been a great advantage since the band's return from a ten-year lay-off. Their 1973 hit, "Freebird", remains a perennia radio favourite.

Meanwhile, new bands such as The Black Crowes are repopularising Southern rock. Skynyrd's London comeback gig was an opportunity for young fans to perspire along with the real thing. The show had been sold out for weeks.

The band's sweaty authenticity is indisputable. The scalps under the cowboy hats have claimed more territory since their last visit, but wear and tear is Skynyrd's badge of pride. It intimates late nights, Jack Daniel's and the other rock totems celebrated Their lifestyle, however, does not

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seem to have done them harm. If anything, all those truck-stop ham-burgers have imparted a grittiness to the music. Monday night's rendition of "That Smell", for instance, was much rougher than the Seventies

New front man Johnny van Zant sang as if his vocal cords had been marinated in whisky. He proved an emotive, bluesy interpreter of Skynyrd standards. Particularly effective was his jagged-edged treatment of slower songs such as "Simple Man". Even Skynyrd purists must have conceded that Zant amply filled the shoes of his lare brother, Ronnie.

The group's triple-guitar system was another plus. The guitarists' deft swapping of lead and rhythm parts sustained interest even through pedestrian tunes. Gary Rossington, distinguishable from the rest of the band by the luxuriance of his beard, delivered intricate and impressive

slide playing.
Still, Lynyrd Skynyrd's lyrical obsession with one subject (the road). and their musical dependence on a single lumbering tempo soon numbed the senses. Their use of a huge Confederate-flag backdrop was also objectionable, albeit unstarprising (white male southerners, they are about as politically incorrect as it is

possible to be).

The encore, "Freebird", was deticated to Ronnie van Zant, "whose spirit is with us tonight". If it was, it was probably slouched in a corner. nursing a lager and wondering why the guitar solos were all so long.

CAROLINE SULLIVAN

Sisterly feelings

Self-Portrait

Orange Tree, Richmond

ALL that most people probably know about Gwen John is that she was the sister of Augustus, had an affair with Rodin and painted some unpretentious, unassertive portraits, mostly of women. That is the information upon which Sheila Yeger seeks to expand in the cluttered but absorbing play that Annie Castledine now stages in Richmond. For both author and director, John was a major talent driven half-mad by a ferocity of feeling that, had she been a man, she might have managed to direct more un-

The reproductions hanging over the stage, combined with the slides that intermittently appear on a screen, make at least part of the point. Many of John's women unobtrusively radiate pain, loss, a dignified desolation that is striking in itself and manifestly personal in its origins. Children, friends, nuns, models: all are to some extent the self-portraits that the play's title and the protagonist's story suggest they are.

The action occurs in both past and

compromisingly into creativity.

present, cutting with baffling speed from a modern art gallery mounting a showing of John's work to the France

of earlier eras. One actor, Richard in Howard, is required to play Gwen's mistrustful father, a briefly glimpsed Augustus, a businesslike Rodin and a contemporary television celebrity. It must be a strain on him, embodying the forceful, confidence-shattering male in no fewer than four guises. It is

certainly a strain on us, trying to tell Nevertheless, the main thrust is clear enough. Barbara Marten's impressively intense Gwen battles to achieve personal self-sufficiency and artistic excellence in fin-de-siècle Paris, only to be waylaid by her desperate passion for a Rodin passionate about nothing but his work. He rejects her and then dies, leaving her to seek emotional fulfilment first in the Catholic church, then in the uncomprehending sister of the pious philosopher, Maritain. Not until the end does she learn that only through mortification of Augustinian austerity

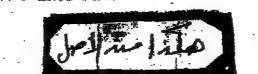
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can she hope to thrive as an artist. Yeger's credo is patently a feminist one, but she does not push it crudely. She may tacitly deplote Gwen John's dependence on men: she also understands and sympathises with it. Only when she ventures into our world, to chronicle what's supposed to be the parallel obsession of Paola Dionisotti's novelist with Howard's TV lion, does her writing falter badly. Was there ever so unabashed a sleazebag as this winking, grinning opportunist, with his sexpot PA in tow? It is unreal, and it is unnecessary. Gwen John's story, for all its antiquity, is surely topical eriough.

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Boldly or not, it's far enough

Geoff Brown reviews Star Trek VI, plus The Favour, the Watch and the Very Big Fish, The Lunatic and the reissued Disney animation classic, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

s the Starship Enterprise crew, ageing rapidly but not without grace, arrive at Earth headquarters early in Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country (PG, Empire), DeForest Kelley murmurs "Maybe they're throwing us a retire-ment party." This may indeed be the final fling of Captain Kirk, Dr Spock and the rest the dialogue certainly points that way, and William Shatner's girdle cannot possibly hold out much longer.

Nicholas Meyer's film never matches the liveliest entries in the series (my candidates would be The Search for Spock and The Voyage Home). But it passes muster, sending the team on possibly their last adventure with a mixed bundle of self-deprecating jokes, flying sprays of pink Klingon blood and a nasty, bald, one-eyed villain with a good knowledge of Shakespeare (cue the scene-stealing Christopher Plummeri.

The year - sorry, Stardate - is 9521.6. In a conscious parallel to the Iron Curtain's collapse, the series' baddies, the thuggish Klingons, are forced to sue for peace when ozone depletion ruins their livelihood. War-mongers derail the process with an assassination, and frame poor Captain Kirk, who is tried, convicted and sent to mine dilithium beneath the icy fake snow of Rura Penthe, the

'Once again,' Shatner signs off with a twinkle, 'we've saved civilisation as we

know it

Klingons' equivalent of Siberia. Up until this point, the film trots along happily, with assorted amusements: the ceremonial dinner on board the Enterprise, where the Klingons are bemused by table napkins and all food and drink appears blue; the assassination attack, which rips open David Warner's chest to reveal the medi-cal equivalent of a Jackson Pollock canvas. Then the plotting bogs down. The Enterprise crew (including a second Vulkan, Lt Valeris (Kim Cattrall), ponderously play Hunt the Assassins; Shainer endures a silly, demeaning fling with a devious Klingon prisoner played by Iman.

The film never recovers until-Phummer shouts "Cry havoc, and let slip the dogs of warf" while spinning round in his space ship chair. Battle commences; the spe-cial effects boys, under-utilised

before, get to work on the explo-sions. "Once again," Shatner signs off with a twinkle, "we've

saved civilisation as we know it". For all the affectionate humour, we could have hoped for a more rousing farewell. But is it goodbye?

Star Trek VII still may appear:
Paramount Pictures cannily leave the way clear for younger crew, possibly from television's Star Trek: The Next Generation.

The title must go. The Favour, the Watch and the Very Big Fish (15, Odeon Haymarket) not only sounds impossibly whimsical; it barely fits on a cinema marquee. True, every component finds a place in Ben Lewin's Anglo-French bon-bon. The favour emerges when Louis, a photographer of religious devotional pictures, agrees to take an actor's place dubbing a porno movie. The watch is offered as a gift to the heroine if she can make a glum cafe pianist smile. The fish forms one of Louis' gruesome evening meals. But as audience bait The Favour, etc. ranks just about level with Gwyneth of the Welsh Hills

or A Man, A Woman and a Bank Lewin's film, which updates a ten-page story by Marcel Ayme to a vaguely contemporary Parts, has other odds to conquer. The principal character of Louis, a photographer desperate to find a model of Christ, is played by that well-known Gallic channer, Bob Hos-



The oddest couple? Spock (Leonard Nimoy) and Lt. Valeris (Kim Cattrall) in Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country

Others involved are American (Jeff Goldblum), English (Natasha Richardson), and, just occasionally, French (Michel

Padding, too, distorts Lewin's script: Ayme's notion of a photographic model for Christ who comes to believe in his own divinity (the Goldblum character) loses some potency as a result. But this frisky film rides over its flaws and, minute by minute, grows in appeal as it ricochets from romantic hijinks to outright lunacy to religious irreverence. "My God, I'm so hungry!" Goldblum cries, pinned to a crucifix in Louis' Calvary

With hom-rimmed glasses and

a neat moustache. Hoskins certainly looks French. And his infectious air of innocence proves vital: "That's an incredible story!" he tells Natasha Richardson, the girl of his dreams, after she spins a flashback about her aborted romance with Goldblum's pianist, sent to jail after a jealous tantrum.

ewin (born in Poland, reared in Australia and trained in Britain) may not always avoid the hazards of crazy comedy: Angela Picaclear candidate for the editor's scissors. But Hoskins's character, so sweet, so bashful, so eager to please, makes us swallow many

things that another actor would probably force us to spit out. Other aids to digestion include Vladimir Cosma's music, and the bustling cases and arcades around Rue Saint-Sulpice (the title of Ayme's novel): although we always remain conscious of studio artifice, they help enormously in glueing the film together. So ignore the title. Sit back, be patient; and enjoy an off-beat

diversion. For a first film directed by a rock musician whose previous experience lay in pop promos, Lol Creme's The Lunatic (15, Prince Charles) proves remarkably placid. No frenzied camerawork, no jittery editing: instead he unfuris

with crude simplicity a tedious Jamaican yarn about an innocent nearly undone by a hefty German girl's lust. Some of the acting would be better suited to a village pageant; at least the ebullient Paul Wallace, as the title character, warms the heart.

Last, but not least, comes Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (U. Cannon Haymarket), Disney's first full-length carroon, now 55 years old and as delightful as ever. To those weaned on sewer mutants, Snow White and her Prince probably appear the ultimate wimps. But this is not a film for kids. Snow White is meant for that vanishing breed: children.

ARTS BRIEF

Shires' first

STOCKHAUSEN, once a name to strike terror into classical music traditionalists, is coming to Leicester, a hitherto little-known centre for avant-garde electronic music. At the Phoenix Arts Centre on Friday, Markus Stockhausen, the trumpetplaying son of the 63-year-old er Karlheinz, Will 21 the world premiere of Pietà. quarterione flugelhorn" not an instrument familiar to the doughty brass bands of the Midlands. It will eventu-

ally form part of Stock-hausen's seven-day operation which have so far been completed. Markus plays at the Queen Elizabeth Hall in London on Saturday.

Short steps

FORMER Royal Ballet dancers Bryony Brind and Michael Corder are joining a new chamber ballet company. VoltAire, designed to work on an intimate scale. They will dance with Mark Silver (a current Royal Ballet principal) in a new work, Alter Ego. with choreography by Jenni-fer Jackson and music by the jazz composer John Surman, based on Debussy. Also in



Bryony Brind: new work

the programme is another new ballet, In the Mists, by Corder, to Janacek's music. Previews are at the Lilian Baylis studio theatre at Sadler's Wells on February 27; the premiere is at the Gardner Centre, Brighton on February 29.

Last chance...

WITH the release this week of an EP called Love Is Strange, Everything But The Girl consolidate the success of their shows last year, when they performed material written or made famous by other artists. They end their current season of acoustic concerts with performances at Queens Theatre, London W! (071-494 5040) tonight, tomorrow and Saturday, and at the Playhouse, Oxford (0865 798600) on Sunday.

> TOMORROW IN LIFE & TIMES Top of the forms: Richard Cork on the Richard Deacon

The destruction of the tors means that the key question will never be an-swered: would it have

To ask, of course, is to line up with the ranks of blinkered scientists who are indifferent to the human consequences of their work - such as Gerald Bull, the

Canadian artillery genius who designed it. Tracewatch on BBC 2 rook another look at Dr Bull, tracing his trajectory from clean-cut optimism as the ronto university to his death in a hall of bullets outside the

Iraqi supergun by Uni-ted Nations' inspec-

door of his Brussels apart-

ment. By then, Bull was working for Saddam Hus-sein, the only man prepared to finance his obsession to build a gigantic gun able to fire shells a metre wide for hundreds of miles.
I found it impossible not to

feel a sneaking regard for Bull, horrible as the effects of his huge gun might have been. Here was a man who,

persuaded the Canadian and American governments to support him; when they pulled out, he turned to more sinister paymasters.

His researches might have led to a cheaper way of launching space satellites, firing them smoothly up-wards out of the barrel of a gun. He designed the world's most powerful howitzer, with a range of 57 kilometres; but m a forward into unknown terri-tory. For many years he halfway round the world. An obsession as magnificent as this demands respect, if not admiration.

Buil's life had a shape and symmetry beyond most dramatists. On the way up, he was rapidly promoted and lavishly praised: then came disappointment, an arms charge that led to jail, divorce, and finally death at the hands of highly-professional

young engineers shown on QED (BBC I) enjoy a career

as remarkable as this? They shared with Dull the desire to make things work, though the task they faced was

altogether more 1990s. Given a collection of bits and pieces, students from Britain, Germany, Japan and the United States had eight days to put together ma-chines that would pick up plastic bottles and dump them in a basket. Not much

by an Israeli hit-squad here. It was an excuse for a

Over a barrel and filling up the bins though one without the ritual humiliations of the genre. Nobody was suspended in freezing water or nibbled by the agony of watching their machines upended in the first few seconds of the game.

> wheels in the air. The best machine re-invented the arm, gathering

whirring helplessly with their

valent of a gentle underarm throw. In a pretence that we are all on the same side, the teams were international, so that one was denied the chance to cheer for

This was all good training and entertaining television, though I could have done with some analysis. What did the result tell you about engineering design? Is it best to start with a simple concept and develop it, or achieve simplicity by refining a more complex idea? I was left admiring the skill of the young engineers but doubtful about

NIGEL HAWKES

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Spokesman for voice holds the right keys

n the day before we met, Iain Burnside had been playing the plano variations on "I Got Rhythm" with the Szczecin Philharmonic: the day after, there would be a rehearsal for a lunchtime recital of Faure and Franck with the Delme Quartet at the Purcell Room. After that, there would be an evening of cabaret songs at

the French Institute.

Not quite what Gerald Moore, doyen of the tie-and-tails school of Lieder accompanists, would have dusted his cuffs with. But then, coaching murderers for their parts in the chorus of a Wormwood Scrubs production of Sweeney Todd would certainly not have been Moore's style either. Burnside is the prototype of a new and very different generation of accompanists. He is a toughtalking, neat Glaswegian, who graduated from Oxford and the Royal Academy, then went on to deepen his pianis-tic education in Warsaw.

His way is not to sit by the telephone and wait for a Fischer-Dieskau, a Victoria de los Angeles, a Margaret Price or a Thomas Allen to ring and ask for his services (although the latter three have been keen to seek him out). He, Burnside, is the prime mover.

So impressed were the South Bank managers by his skills in devising and per-forming programmes of Schoenberg. Szymanowski and Schubert for major series, that when it came to refurbishing the Purcell Room and raising its credibility as a serious song venue, it was to Burnside that they

him paintings on the wall and floral arrangements to help launch a new song recital series which opens tonight. in programming and casting, the Purcell Room Song Series is in marked contrast to the Queen Elizabeth Hall's

They have even promised

singers such as Olaf Baer, Anne Sofie von Otter and Perer Schreier. Here, Janis Kelly, better known for wilder work on the says. "Millions will buy the



Iain Burnside (above), is a pianist who aims to revive public appreciation

for song recitals. He explains why to Hilary Finch

boards with groups such as Opera Factory, will be sing-ing Messiaen and Kurt Weill and the sisters Kristine and Katherine Ciesinski will be playing the works of distin-guished musical siblings such as Felix and Fanny Mendelssohn or Nadia and Lili

"British concert promoters can be unimaginative in whom they think of as being singers." Burnside 'song' says. "It's not necessarily the good opera singers, but nei-ther is it only the recognised Lieder singers. What counts is the communication, the intensity of focus."

The pianist is acutely aware that, despite the new and growing audiline-up of big-time Lieder ences for classical song in simply does not sell.

London, outside the capital it "It's ironic, given the nationwide boom in opera," he

Three Tenors video, and yet they won't go and hear one tenor in recital. And people who gladly go to a piano recital of Schubert, Brahms and Schumann are somehow afraid of having it with Burnside warmly praises the pioneering work of Gra-ham Johnson and the

Songmakers' Almanac in revealing the breadth and the fun of the repertoire — and in entertaining audiences with more than one singer. Johnson certainly made classical song less intimidating.

Burnside hopes to go a step further in the demystification process. He has planned a rour of Ulster in March with Adrian Thompson, Mary King and a hard-hitting batch of Russian and Latin American songs. including some of the work of a Bolivian-born Belfast composer.

Burnside will also open a new London concert venue in the autumn, when he brings evenings of French music to the renovated Holy Trinity Church in Sloane Street.

One of Burnside's problems is undoubtedly the remoteness of much of the repertoire. But why is comparatively so little written for the voice by contemporary classical composers?

"Perhaps it's because traditionally the song was an expression of lyric poerry". he suggests, "and that doesn't hold the same place in our cultural pantheon as it used to. Twentieth century composers have tended to set anarchic texts, if you think about it: Bernstein with his recipes, Milhaud with his flower-seed catalogue."

Burnside is eager to rekindle the flame, and hopes to commission some new songwriting during his three year series. "It will have to be a composer who is really excited by words, though," he warns. "Not someone who is just going to open Walter de la Mare."

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his is the best anthology of modern poetry for 30 years. Not since I came upon Alvarez's The New Poetry (first published in 1962). have I had this sense of the collective statement of an exceptional generation, of a mass of powerful new material gradually finding shape and identity, of so many outstanding poems and so many new names to follow.

in The New Poetry, Alvarez put together four American poets and 24 British; it looked like an admonition to the British to learn from the Americans, and it worked. That anthology — with Lowell, Plath, Gunn, Hughes — heralded the excitement of the 1960s, when the dominant poetry was American and American-

Since then, the fulcrum of poetry in the world has shifted back east. and Alvarez shifted with it. In the late 1960s he became the advisory editor of a series called Penguin Modern European Poets, where Amichai, Celan, Holan and Her bert first appeared. Daniel Weissbort and Ted Hughes got together to found the magazine Modern Poetry in Translation. There were festivals, readings. publications, exchanges of letters.

They were cosmopolitan times ("the good old days" Amichai calls them in an interview, also printed here), and Weissbort has drawn heavily on them in this anthology. About a third of his poets were in that Penguin series: others have been published in small or specialist presses here or in America; two are presented for the first time in

To have selected 28 poets from eastern Europe, written essays introducing their work, with a bibliography and interviews with some of the poets, and all in a durable form - Penguin will be publishing the paperback in due course — is a great responsibility, and Weissborn has performed it magnificently.

He has identified the essential subject or determination of this poetry, survival, and accepted geographical limits and chronological ones. All his poets lived through the second world war and its aftermath: roughly speaking. they are the generation of the

This gives the book a coherence,

n the summer of 1990. Abu lyad sent for Patrick Seale. With Yasser Arafat, Abu Iyad

had been one of the founders of the

Palestine Liberation Organis-

had a sensational secret to impart.

under Abu Nidal had broken

away in 1974 to wage a brutal clandestine war against the PLO

for its alleged softness towards Israel, assassinating its men and

disrupting its plans. A hard line

indeed, except that it was not as it

seemed. Who except Israel had an

interest in so harming the PLO?

Abu Nidal and his group were

el's secret service.

A rival Palestinian terror-group

A new collection of iron curtain poets causes Michael

Hofmann to recall a lost generation

an intensity and a shared experience, which otherwise Weissbort is hard put to describe, talking as he does about "an aura that embraces their work. It is a kind of

This occasional incoherence isn't detrimental, though. It comes out of his continuing engagement with the work. It helps to make The Poetry of Survival what it is: not a closed, cut-and-dried, canonical type of anthology, but more an instinctual one, and Weissbort's instincts are true.

For instance, his decision to

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begin with Brecht. Brecht is generally vilified in this country, and to him at the head of this anthology may seem strange, a communist wolf before dissident sheep, only the other poets are not sheep and I am sure they recognise Brecht as one of themselves, with his clarity, brevity, intelligence and concreteness. His unrhymed poems with irregular rhythms — devised so as to be "reasonably invulnerable to interruptions" (by jamming) - are an apt and evocative way in. As I read through the anthology I asked myself repeatedly, where do these Myrmidon poets come from, what is their Gogol's "Overcoat", who is their father - and of course the answer is Brecht.

In time, the uniqueness of the 28 poets represented here will be seen; they will make some sort of group like the War Poets or the Romantics. Their part of the world bore the brunt of the war and housed the death-camps. They went straight from the Brown terror to the Red, without passing

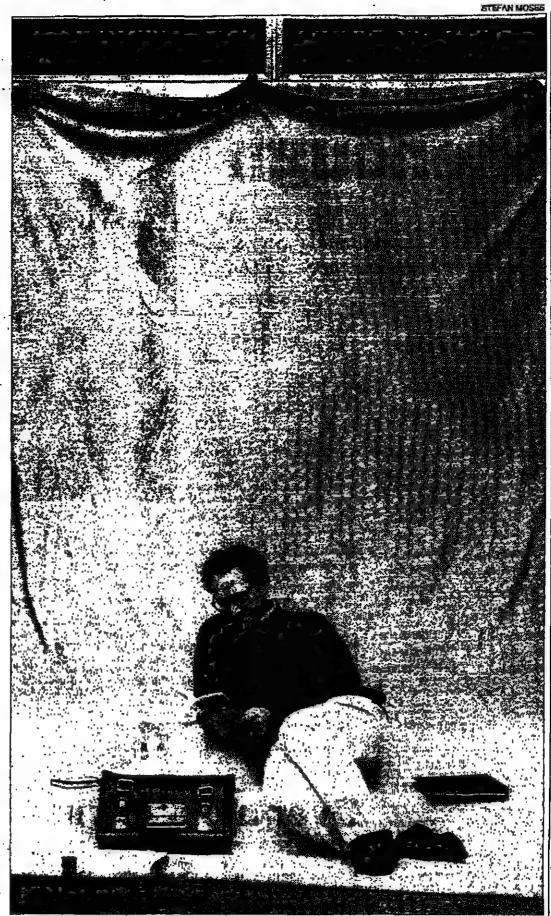
go. While the west looked on, complaisant or anguished, their complaisant or anguisticu. their countries were hostages to peace. There, poetry was the last thing on anyone's minds, but still it appeared in the reduced, stubbly, oblique form they found for it. Actually, it was anti-poetry, anti-

It was their leaders who fancied themselves as belletrists. Stalin got on the phone to poets. Ulbricht addressed meetings of the writers, union, they all had their lives and their speeches published in many volumes. The poets are the opposite, describing themselves vari-ously as "an outside member who would never presume to label himself a poet" (Holub), someone who "never felt myself to be a poet" (Pilinszky), who imagines "a poetry without qualities, a poetry which would be anonymous again" (Rozewicz).

Never in history have there been poets who had such a deep quarrel with language: as Celan, who wrote in German, the language of the murderers of his parents, but broken into pieces and re-fash-ioned: as Dan Pagis, who taught himself Hebrew in order to write; as Pilinszky with his "ascetic renunciation of words". Bachmann, Holan, Herbert, Rozewicz; they all inveigh against

I am talking about this anthology as an event in English, even though it is the opposite of most English poetry, which is picky, cluttered, unmomentous anecdotal, individualising. In the poems here, you see the wood, not the trees. They mean to be useful (Brecht's favourite word!) even when they only dramatise their usefulness: "I want to be on time! even if I am too late" (Jerzy Ficowski). It is not because I feel sentimental about the countries and the poets and what they have suffered

Their achievement - and that of their translators, most of whom, fascinatingly, are not native English speakers, and whose versions, Weissbort says "need not be in-stantly recognisable as a poem in English" - makes me wonder whether the possession of one language, and an innocent unbroken relationship to it, will ever again be able to make great poetry. This anthology sets new bearings.



Demanding democracy now: a young East German intellectual, 1989-90

Mossads under the bed

decided at the top in their name. and it may come as a nasty

Words and deeds really are not what they seem. Losers in this process have little recourse except tosticksomedamaginglabelsuchas traitor or Zionist on to winners who have done them down. As far as the public goes, government without consent looks no different from conspiracy.

Abu Iyad had found a kindred really controlled by Mossad, Israspirit. Seale grew up in the Middle Not solely a matter of laughable East and he became a newspaperman specialising in the subject. He tells the reader that he has "no ignorance, conspiracy theory in this vein is a by-product of the Arab political order. Each and axe to grind, no allegiance to one side or another, no hidden agenevery power holder there does da", but at the same time he believes Israel to be capable of any what he sees fit to enhance his power. He is accountable to noatrocity, no matter how conspirabody, and certainly not to institutorial, so politically and morally tional checks and balances. The depraved is it. Rationality could decision-making process is invisible. People discover only afteronly obstruct conclusions he was

at with Abu Iyad. Helped by the PLO, Seale was able to interview

high-level defectors from Abu Hutchinson, £16.99 Nidal's group.

He pieces togeth er how Abu Nidal became the client in succession of Iraq, Syria and Libva.

There is a solid description of the group's internal organisation and its bosses and their terror attacks world-wide. Abu Nidal appears to delight in murder and torture and whisky and racketeering. A terrifying crisis occured late in 1987 when he ordered the butchering of perhaps as many as

600 of his own men. None of this is in dispute. Seale's investigation was not done to establish the hideous reality of Abu Nidal and his group, however, but

David Pryce-Jones

ABU NIDAL noses. What is the A Gun for Hire evidence for this?
There is none. By Patrick Scale

At the outset, Seale uses the conditional and subjunctive tenses, with plenty of qualifying phrases such as "I reflect-

their activities

into Israel's pur-

ed", or "Although pure specula-tion, this seemed to me not implausible." His sources naturally remain anonymous, but he does name those within the Abu Nidal group who seem to him likely traitors, which may well amount to denunciation. Abu lyad was shot dead in Tunis on the eve of Operation Desert Storm, by one Hamza Abu Zaid. Captured, this killer confessed to being Abu Nidal's agent. Seale is sure that this was Israel's contribution to

the start of the Gulf war. By the

believe his conspiracy theory.
How did Mossad recruit Abu
Nidal? "It was a puzzle Abu Iyad

wrestled with until the end of his life." Quite so. And how has Mossad managed over the years and across the borders to pass on instructions? Are there no counterintelligence officers in the Arab world capable of uncovering trea-

son on this scale? Abu Nidal's men have murdered many Jewish children and worshippers in synagogues, and gunned down Shlomo Argov, then Israeli ambassador in London. Are Israelis really depraved enough to kill their own people in this way? These are, in Seale's little phrase, "loose ends". The fact that Israel has not killed Abu Nidal in revenge is proof enough for him of their complicity. But then, with far greater incentive, the PLO has not been able to kill him either.

British officer

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highly doubtful.

According to Mr Dillon, Margaret

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Doherty,

Pause for thought might have led Seale to consider the limita-tions of Israeli intelligence. For example, the Israelis had no clue about Saddam Hussein's Scud the number of missiles, and they cannot pin down the presses printing intifada leaflets in the miniscule occupied territories now under their military rule.

In the face of such evidence of failure, the contrary assertion that Mossad is somehow all-powerful enough to control and manipulate even its most dreaded enemies at long range is not just fantasy or Middle Eastern conspiracy. Here is a projection in modern idiom of the medieval world-picture of the Jew as the totally unscrupulous and hidden master of the world.

If it were so, and Seale were right, then of course the Arabs are doomed to live under a power against which there is no defence, and they might as well throw in the sponge and accept servitude for evermore. With friends like Seale, Arabs certainly need no other enemies.

Nicely turned nasties

Caroline Moore

A DUBIOUS LEGACY By Mary Wesley Bantam Press, £14.99

ary Wesley has attracted those critics who like to praise writers' pens for being "sharp", "steel-tipped" or "dipped in acid", and for whom 'malicious" is a term of high literary praise. Her new novel, A Dubious Legacy, has the customary salty sparkle. Even the mildest characters will suddenly pass gra-tuitously personal remarks, and there are some memorably awful social occasions — including one where the insanely unpleasant hostess dances on the table and

bites off the head of a cockatoo. Fun though much of this is, I suspect that Mary Wesley's general popularity comes not from this hard-boiled shell, but from the soft yolk. In the end, most of her characters are judged by the re-assuringly old-fashioned standard of whether they are "nice". Henry Tillotson, the hero of this

book, is nice in the most English of ways: kind to horses, dogs, cockatoos and children: loyal to friends and retainers; and super-humanly patient with his congenitally mali-cious wife, who has chosen to confine herself to bed, well beyond the reach of sympathy or the reader's credulity. Henry has all the outward insignia of the nice English gentleman: a shabby 17th century house in honey-coloured stone, and clothing made eccentric by poverty. His niceness, too, is a hand-me-down, inherited from his father. It is, or ought to be, the

dubious legacy of the title.

The trouble is that in this novel the inheritance seems pretty pure gold, or perhaps golden syrup; hardly dubious at all. We are told that Henry is "flawed", and there are half-hearted attempts to suggest that his kindness is a desire for safety. But when one of the characters exclaims "should it not suffice that he has been a remarkably good friend and kindness itself to your children?", nastiness

can offer no riposte.

Henry can be "absolutely beastly" and is capable of retorting "rather nastily"; but, in his case, malice never quite takes, suggest-ing rather his author's sprightly desire to disconcert.

In A Dublous Legacy, the disparate elements are melded most believably in the women, through whose eyes we generally view Henry. Despite the male hero, this



Soft-centred? Mary Wesley

remains a female-centred novel. Antonia and Barbara are taken

to a weekend house party at Henry's house by two young men. Matthew and James. Both girls are young, hard-nosed and imper-tinent; charming largely because of their youth. Both have decided to marry "the right sort of man" to escape from boring jobs, and have come to the conclusion that the pair they have come down with will do. Either could melt into an affectionate wife, or congeal into a formidable battle-axe.

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Meanwhile, the men are making similar calculations, though unlike the women, they do not admit it. Matthew persuades himself that he is in love with Antonia; his first, schoolboy, love was for her brother. James, kinder and less pompous, proposes to Barbara because she will never be able to hurt him as much as his last girlfriend. But even when "bespoke", their fiances are both surreptitiously casting a glad eye at Henry, full of calculating

curiosity.

It is here that Mary Wesley's shiftiness of perspective comes into its own: in the description of the tentative beginnings of relationships, hedged about with inauspicious qualifications, but capable of sudden change and growth. She catches beautifully the gusts of desolation that shake three out of the four young people after their decision to marry, for example: but these are not necessarily the precursors to future tempests. Such uncertainty is lively and enlivening.

Ultimately, however, the slight plot and our even slighter interest in the characters prevent these fine moments from cohering into a thoroughly good novel. The cou-ples eventually get the children they deserve. But as the narrative wavers and attention scatters over the next generation, the dry and soft sides of Wesley's writing tend more and more to function separately. The cynicism seems increasingly brittle, almost social; the sentimentality, though pleasant, increasingly obvious.

Brandishing the Armalite and the collection box his parents' house he claims he saw a evidence for his claims comes from

Jamie Dettmer

KILLER IN CLOWNTOWN Joseph Doherty. the IRA and the Special Relationship By Martin Dillon Hutchinson, £16.99

ny day now Joe Doherty, the convicted Provisional IRA gunman, will be behind bars in Ulster again to start serving a life sentence for his part in the killing in 1980 of an SAS captain. His return to the province will mark the end of one of the most prolonged and complicated legal battles in the history of the United States.

For nine years the resourceful Doherty, aided by a sharp firm of New York lawyers (with one of whose partners the IRA man is said to have fallen in love) has run rings round the US Attorney-General's office and fought off a series of courtroom attempts by the American government to return him to British jurisdiction. His efforts to secure political asylum seriously embarrassed the US government and infuriated the British, who feared that, if he won, America could become a safe

haven for Irish paramilitaries. The IRA has, of course, reaped the benefit of the sympathy generated in America by Doherty's case and by his lengthy incarceration. Arriving in New York in 1983 after an audacious escape from Crumlin Road Prison, Doherty soun became the darling of those in the Irish-American communi Coast who see the harsh realities of Northern Ireland in romantic and simplistic terms. From his prison

cell in the Metro-

politan Correctiond Centre in Lower Manhattan, Doherry received over the nine years of his confinement a procession of high profile supportive visitors: Jesse Jackson. New York mayor David Dinkins, and an assortment of senators. congressmen and New York assemblymen, all eager to ensure that they did not alienate any Irish votes.

Killer In Clowntown, Belfast journalist Martin Dillon's third recent book on the troubles, details the twists and turns of the legal drama. His chapters on Doherty's

his account of the bungled SAS ambush of Doherty's unit and his description of the planning that went into the IRA breakout from the Crumlin Road jail are at least as enthralling as any thriller.

background and rise in the IRA are riveting. Both

The chapters on the teenage Doherty are instructive in helping to understand why young Roman Catholic men and women joined



Joseph Doherty receives Mayor Dinkins of New York, one of his many sympathisers

the IRA in the 1970s. Mr Dillon quotes Doherty saying about his youth: "In the Republicanism I grew up in I was never conscious of working it out, rationalising it. I was only conscious of living in a ghetto, of drifting along with what . was going on in the ghetto."

The drift became a hardened commitment as Doherty wit-nessed a change in the British

protectors of the Roman Catholics. saving them from Protestant wrath. But soon, to his eyes and his. contemporaries', they turned into the enforcers of the Protestant. Ascendancy,

The dawn search operations by the British army during Christmas 1971 confirmed Doherty in his Republicanism. During a raid on cording to Mr Dillon. The only

bail because Doherty would not have gone on the run and endangered troops. At first, they were the the support he was getting in the United States.

Doherty's incarceration only

served to heighten sympathy for him. Mr Dillon argues that Mrs Thatcher's determination to get Doheriy endangered British-American relations. "Two US" administrations, frightened of her, succumbed to her demands," ac-

vinced by his study of the case and by his involvement with US government lawyers, who wanted him to testify as an expert witness, that there was a "hidden agenda"

between the two governments. But

the agenda was not hidden, it was

junior civil servants and diplo-

Mr Dillon said he was con-

entirely open. Washington and London were both afraid of the implications of letting Doherty secure asylum. The thought of the US beeven the Irish Republic was coming a safer haven than something neither the Americans nor the British were prepared to tolerate. Doherty might not have run off, if granted jumped bail, but

at liberty on the east coast he would have been as much a propaganda threat as in jail. The case may well have handed the IRA a propaganda victory. It may have heightened sympathy for the IRA among the east coast Irish-American communities, But neither London or Washington had any choice but to pursue

Doherty. The Supreme Court's decision last year to uphold the right of the US government to overrule an Appeals Court decision to grant Doherty a hearing on the question of deportation was a vindication of both the American and British

governments. Many Irish-Americans may be a lost cause for the British anyway. If the horrors that have been seen in Northern Ireland in the past 20 years have not alerted them to the possibility that it is not a simple matter, then nothing will.

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The kiss of Judas, from the French 13th century Psalter of Ingeburg of Denmark: the high drama of the betrayal in Gethsemane may be a later interpolation

udas Iscariot, no disputing it, is a mystery. As a Jew, Hyam Maccoby proposes to resolve the mystery by iden-tifying him as the specimen of a persistent mythology. That my-thology, of which Judaism was innocent, demands that a victim be sacrificed but that the beneficiaries of the sacrifice take no responsibility for the deed themselves. In the redemptorist, eucharistic theology which eventually prevailed in Christianity, the the guilt for it was borne by the Jewish people in the person of Judas, whence Christianity and Christendom derived their anti-

The thesis is attractive. That the success of Christianity was due to spread and therefore presumably human ne ble. That the eospel narrative was calculated to inculpate in the death of Jesus neither his followers nor the Roman authorities but the Jews, upon whom it was to be avenged by their humiliating de-feat in 70 AD, must be admitted. The difficulties begin when one attempts, as Maccoby does, to demonstrate how Judas arrived on

Was he written into the story? Yes — but out of nothing?
Maccoby is hampered in his investigation by having adopted the view of "most modern scholars" that the gospels originated in the order Mark-Matthew-Luke-John. This prevents him from observing that all the Judas passages in Matthew are insertions.

They created awful difficulties. First of all, exactly what did Judas "betray"? Secondly, how did he get from the Last Supper to turn up with the posse in Geth-semane? Thirdly, what was the point of Jesus exposing his treachery at the Last Supper? Those puzzles gave the later gospel-writers plenty of scope for ingenu-

Silver lining of a man who betrayed God

Enoch Powell, now working on a new edition of St Matthew's Gospel, scrutinises a provocative theory about Judas Iscariot

ity; but they, and we, were still left with Judas's suicide and the story of the Bloody Field, as to which Matthew has the curious remark . . therefore that field was called 'Bloody Field' down to the present

Astonishingly for an author bent upon finding mythology, Maccoby does not accept the natural implication, namely, that the post-Matthean details about Judas are due to free invention. motivated by the desire to smooth away difficulties and fill gaps.

On the contrary, he picks upon John's inclusion of Roman soldiers in the arresting party as "a touch of real history which has survived in John's gospel, though apparently suppressed by the Synoptics". He goes on to assert that "the accounts of the Synoptics and of John, while equally biased, overlap sufficiently for the historical facts to be discerned in their

So the myth-slayer succumbs to the unscientific temptation to re-gard as historically authoritative the "overlap" between documents JUDAS ISCARIOT AND THE MYTH OF JEWISH EVIL By Hyam Maccoby Peter Halban, 117.95

of which the mutual dependency is undeniable and onto which a mythical betrayal has been foisted, with devastating consequences for the logic and consistency of the narrative.

How are the dragon-slayers fallent Welcome, Maccoby, in the ranks of would-be Christian fundamentalists. "There something of the historical reality, the arrest of a subversive Jew by Roman occu-pying troops with the collabor-ation of Jewish quisling police, is allowed to appear." The italics and the astonishment are the reviewer's. A strange place indeed

"historical reality"! "John", he continues, "at this point retains an authentic indication, derived from early sources, that Jesus was a political figure." What knowledge of these "early sources" utilised by John has Maccoby, and where — except in preconceptions based in the last resort upon the gospels themselves - does he find the evidence for them? It is mere assertion to state that "John reveals, however unintentionally, some valuable historical facts: that Jesus was arrested as a rebel against Rome and that he

Poor John: he had a problem which weighs upon us still, namely, that Jesus, in the earliest form of the gospel we possess, undergoes two duplicate trials, condemnations, yes, and - out with it! executions, Jewish and Roman. He solved his problem since the crucifixion by then was no longer dispensable, by eliminating the Jewish one.

was never tried on a religious

charge."

Maccoby's thesis, however, is that Judas and his betrayal were "invented". "The need to detach Pauline Christianity from the Jewish rebellion against Rome led the evangelists to transfer the conflict between Jesus and Rome to an

lleged struggle between Jesus and the Jewish religion. This produced the image of the Jews as a Judasnation and to sic! the invention of Judas himself as the arch-traitor who encapsulates Jewish

There are serious difficulties here. Of the alleged "conflict between Jesus and Rome" there is not the ghost of a shadow in the gospeis. On the contrary, the absence of the Romans is one of their most staggering features, scarcely to be accounted for by assuming that anti-Roman words and deeds of the principal actor have been vacuum-cleaned away and replaced with such sympa-thetic figures as the centurion of Matthew 8, who had "such faith as was not found in Israel."

Serious too are the chronological consequences, which Maccoby if does not di follows the conventional dating of Mark to 70 AD and Matthew to 80 AD. So the "invention" of Judas had to have taken place before the outbreak of the Jewish rebellion in 66 AD. On this hypothesis, the Jewish rebellion could hardly have taken place, let alone been dealt with, before the "invention" of Judas left its deposit in the earlier of the gospels.

If Maccoby's thesis were accept-

ed it would also point to a rather later date for the origin of those gospels, and would incidentally call in to question the conventional dating to 50-60 AD of the "authentic" Pauline epistles, that flagship of the "Pauline Christianity which is supposed to have needed "detach itself" from the The puzzles which this new book

has exposed, but at best has only partially solved, are a warning to keep an open mind on the possibil-ity that the fall of Jerusalem in 70 AD could turn out to be the crucial event in the evolution of the Christian gospel and the rise of the

A scapegoat and his herd

who has already treated aspects of the Drevius affair in an earlier study entitled Rural Society and French Politics. Less conventionally, he had an early career in television and films.

A chance meeting with a casting director for 20th Century Fox led to a part in the television series Dobie Gillis when he was 11. He subsequently made more than 60 television film appearances, working with Alfred Hitchcock, Barbara Stanwyck and Ronald

This is an unusual background for an academic historian. The book he has now written about the Dreyfus family is also unusual, and in some respects not al-

together satisfactory.

What is there still to say? There are, as Burns acknowledges, more than 1,000 works currently in print that have "described, an-alysed, quantified and deconstructed" almost every as-pect of the affair. There are Dreyfus's own writings: there are the novels, manifestos and memoirs of Proust, Zola and Anatole France; there is Joseph Reinach's monumental seven-volume history; there are plays, films, paintings, cartoons, even card games.

Burns's interest was stimulated epilogue" by one of Ian McIntyre Dreyfus's grandsons in a new edition of the memoirs in 1982. It seemed By Michael Burns that the mountain

of texts on the ai-

fair contained no

adequate history of the man, or of the family that helped to save him from certain death in exile. He quotes Lytton Strachey: "Human beings are too important to be treated as mere

Chatto & Windus, £20

symptoms of the past." His account of the affair accordingly takes up less than half of his 500 pages, and is sandwiched between two slabs of family history, beginning in 1749 with the birth of Dreyfus's great-grandfather, Abraham, in the Alsatian village of Rixheim and ending five generations on, in 1945. In selecting such a broad canvas, Burns has not solved all the problems he has created for himself.

Burns's scholarship (although he absent-mindedly places La Rochefoucauld in the wrong century) is not in question; he has burrowed in French provincial archives with Richard Cobb-like assiduity. There are passages, however, which suggest an admiration for Henri Troyat, and where one misses the firm smack of editorial direction.

He tells us, for instance, that no portrait of Abraham Dreyfuss exists: "no sketch, wood-cut, engraving, or prose description to confirm that he sported a long beard like other Alsatian Jewish men or that, like his grandsons and great-grandsons, he has steel blue eyes and light brown hair sprinkled prematurely with gray..." The instinct there is that of the historical novelist rather than of the historian.

This tendency to linger discursively over details slows the pace of the early chapters. Do we really need to know about the celebrated

ichael Burns is an bandit Schinderhannes, who American academic, treated Jews no better than the treated Jews no better than the horses he slaughtered as a sideline? How vital is it, in describing the synagogue where Dreyfus was married, to tell us not only that Napoleon and Josephine had lived in the same street, but that it was only a few doors away from one of

Paris's ten wet-nurse offices? Once he comes to the affair. Burns changes up several gears and the grotesque story of what Dreyfus had to endure unfolds more briskly. His treatment when first charged and imprisoned in Paris foreshadowed the sort of thing that would become commonplace under totalitarian regimes in this century.

In an age of hostage-taking, what he was subjected to on Devil's Island sounds curiously contemporary, but there are also primitive echoes of antiquity. There were wild goats on the island, brought there to provide milk for a leper colony. Official-dom feared that Dreyfus, like Ulysses escaping from Polyphe-mus's cave, might seize one of the beasts and swim out to sea. The herd was removed.

The most moving thing in the book is the account of the stoical manner in which Dreyfus organised himself to survive. He was not

an observant Jew. The hardest thing to bear was not the knowledge that he was the A Family Affair 1789-1945 dicial error, but the "destruction of my beliefs, of all my

sane reason". The allegiance that ultimately sustained him on Devil's Island stemmed from the revolutionary edict of 1791 which had emancipated French Jews and converted them to the belief that France was a new promised land.

He evolved a strategy of survival work, study and meditation. He kept meticulous records of every-thing from his pulse rate to the details of his campaigns against insects. He read widely. The most sacred texts of his exile were Shakespeare and Montaigne; Shakespeare in particular, Burns writes, became "a compendium of allegories" for all his dilemmas.

The physical toll of his captivity was severe. When he was brought home to face a second court martial, the correspondent of The Times saw in the dock at Rennes "a little old man of 39". His selfdiscipline and the austerity of manner which was one of its manifestations told against him. even with his supporters. "Had he not been Dreyfus", asked Leon Blum in rhetorical exasperation. "would he have been a dreyfusard?"

Burns is less successful in setting the affair in its broader political context - he does not match the assurance which Denis Brogan brought to the task more than 50 years ago in The Development of Modern France. Perhaps he offers a clue to the reason when he thanks a colleague "for having taught me that the historian can be a respectful traveller through the social sciences while maintaining a primary residence in the humanities". Or maybe it was the early influence of Ronald Reagan.

THE END OF HISTORY DEBATE

Fukuyama rose to fame as the author of The End of History?, an article that caught the mood of the revolutions in eastern Europe. Liberal democracy, he said, would be the only viable system in a post-ideological world.

Since then the world has

seen both the Gulf war

and the collapse of the Soviet Union. Was Fukuyama right? His new book, The End of History and the Last Man, is creating a furore in the United States, and will be published in Britain on March 5. On that evening The Times is sponsoring a debate in London, chaired by the Editor, Simon Jenkins.

Fukuyama will introduce the debate and the speakers will be Norman Stone, historian; Roger Scruton, philosopher: Ernest Gellner, anthropologist; Tessa Blackstone, politician.

Times readers are invited to apply for tickets. Full details will be given in Life & Times next Monday. Order your copy

America's greatest loser

A pamphlet of 1844 entitled Henry Clay's Moral Fitness for the Presidency declared that The history of Mr Clay's debaucheries and midnight revelries in Washington is too shocking, too disgusting to appear in public print". A handbill from the same election portrayed Clay as "that notorious Sabbath-breaker, Profane Swearer, Gambler. Common Drunkard!" Clearly character was at stake in the political world described by Robert Remini, a world of oratorical feats and battles in Congress as well as the rough and tumble of electioneering, a world in which consistency was an issue, conspiracy and duels common.

Clay (1777-1853) was one of the most brilliant figures in this world. a Virginian who sought opportunity by hiking west, and made his way as a lawyer in Kentucky. The new world in the west was open to talent. Elected to the Senate aged 29. Clay became a long-serving speaker of the House of Representatives, and also held office as Secretary of State. Yet he was defeated for the presidency in 1824, 1832 and 1844 and failed to secure party nomination for the contests in 1839 and 1848.

Clay was one of the great failures of the period and Remini's book seeks to use this in order to explain the American political culture of the period. Clay's preferences as "a hard-gambling, hard-drinking ladies' man", are not seen as crucial. Instead Clay is presented as too able and cerebral for the electorare, too obviously "superior" to the party leaders.



HENRY CLAY Statesman for the Union -By Robert V. Remini ·W. W. Norton, £25

His defeat by Andrew Jackson in 1832 is attributed to a lack of the populist instinct, an inability to reach the general public, while in 1840 Harrison's "nonsense and shour" were preferable to lofty statements about the objects and purposes of government Four years later Polk, a politician of

seen as more acceptable than Clay. Clay emerges as a great Congressional orator who failed to appreciare the democratisation of society and politics that democracy brought in 1840 his inability to appreciate the strong popular desire to gain Texas was fatal to

It was not only politics that brought disappointment and despair. Clay, a brilliant and witty companion, an eloquent and virile man, suffered many ailments, and numerous personal tragedies. All six of his daughters and one of his sons predeceased him; one son was a severe alcoholic, two were committed to asylums. The death of his favourite son led him to turn to religion. Earlier in his career he had serious financial problems and had to borrow from John Jacob Astor.

his campaign.

Remini also discusses Clay's faults and his problems as a candidate. He was intensely ambitious and that was distrusted, and he was seen as inconsistent, to his critics a politician willing to vary the means in order to further the end, but with the end being little more than power for himself. And yet, the basic theme of the book is summed up by Clay's remark of 1839: "I had rather be right than be president."

An able man held back by the widespread preference for mediocrity and brought low by hubris: the theme is an arrractive and familiar one and the story is well told. Clay's career, however, was more complex than this suggests. Convention dictated that most politiconspicuously fewer talents, was clans would have said they

preferred to be right rather than to be president. Clay was on many occasions an

able populist, keen to speak and seek support throughout America, and the very fact that he won nomination on three occasions revealed his appeal as a candidate. In 1844 Polk's percentage of the popular vote was a mere 1.4 per cent over Clay's. Clay's failure was not an inevitable product of his personality or of the voting system.

ifferent factors were at work in each of his defeats. No one could have beaten Jackson in 1832. Clay's career is an account of the play of contingency, rather than the working out of fate. It is also fascinating because of the issues he addressed. A champion of Latin American independence, Clay saw the potential of America as a great nation, sought to provide a framework for economic growth, and strove to avoid seeing the Union wrecked on the issues of slavery and states' rights. These helped to cost him the presidency.

The bitter sectional divisions within America made it increasingly difficult for a national politician not to arouse hostility. Clay fought in Congress for the com-promise of 1850, which helped to postpone secession and civil war, but neither compromises nor talk of common interests could hold the Union together. Instead, there was to be a brutal war that revealed the bankruptcy of federalism. Lincoln could present Clay as an inspiration, but one of his sons fought for the Confederacy.



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In the wake of the Mike Tyson affair, Simon Barnes reports on hope and double standards in sport

Can a black ever win?

eltic football club can tell you about sport's doublevhammy. When they win, they are British heroes. When they lose, they are Scottish failures. The principle works even better for blacks: Mike Tyson, once an American hero, now a black villain.

This is a well-trodden path. The best example of all is Ben Johnson. One day, he was Superman: the human bullet, the fastest man in the world. The next day, he was a drug-taking, cheating black man: the human pin-cushion. And the world queued up to condemn him, as they are now doing to Tyson.

Do we have things in a better

perspective in this country? Can we compare the despised Tyson with well-loved Frank Bruno. Ben Johnson with Daley Thompson, and tell ourselves that the black athletes of Britain are better accepted, better loved and better integrated than those of north

Certainly, the list of British black sporting heroes gets longer

Sport as a medium for black excellence is in itself a racist issue

every week: John Barnes, Jeremy Guscott, Kriss Akabusi, Ellery Hanley, poor David Lawrence. And dear old Bruno again: surely he is the best-loved British black man in history. "I don't want to get big headed and out of order, but if what you say is true — it's very very nice.

It is true that the main social disease in the United States is race: in Britain, historically at least, it is class. Both countries like to see the record of black athletes as evidence of an increasingly tolerant society. But observe the double-whammy: the fall of Tyson and Johnson are used, at least implicitly, to show how far black people still have to go before they reach white standards.

We Brits can work a similar selfdeception: we can think of, say, Roger Black embracing Kriss Akabusi at the end of their 4x400m relay victory at the World Atheltics Championships in Tokyo: and congratulate ourselves on how far British society has

But the thought must be balanced with a shoal of negatives. resolutely all-white, despite the huge number of Yorkshire-born cricketers of Asian extraction. Brian Close, the chairman of the Yorkshire cricket committee, differentiated clearly on television between "our lads" and "bloody Pakistanis".

Everton football club remains lilywhite. Ron Noades, chairman of Crystal Palace AFC, recently resurrected the old Sixties canard



Sporting harmony on the track: the victorious British 4x400 relay team at the world athletics championships in Tokyo last year

of black footballers lacking heart. The various pre-1990 tours to South Africa by cricket and rugby ference to the realities of apartheid.

A few years back, the England-Pakistan Test series caused a virtual diplomatic incident after the on-pitch row between the England captain, Mike Gatting, and the Pakistani umpire, Shakoor Rana.

The explosion was about cricket: but English and Pakistani cricket has a long history of mutual mistrust, based on colonial emnities, which has escalated at times to mutual loathing.

And before Britain can start congratulating itself on a nonracist society, we should, perhaps, count the numbers of black rowers, yachtsmen, swimmers, tennis players, snooker players, equestri-ans, jockeys, stable lads, golfers, and for that matter, polo players and real tennis enthusiasts.

All the same, the fact that sport has a long way to go cannot hide the fact that sport has already travelled an appreciable distance. In some areas, sport has been on the cutting edge of equal opportunities. Most famous British blacks are athletes.

Only 20 years ago Ron Atkinson took the courageous, then unprecedented, step of playing three blacks in his West Bromwich Albion side, transforming them into one of the most exciting teams in the country. They were inevita-bly known as "The Three De-grees", and Big Ron said things



Sporting conflict: Mike Gatting and umpire Shakoor Rana like: "I don't care if he's black or white or yellow with purple spots, if he can do a job for Albion he's in

Sport provides measurable, non-subjective excellence. There is no arguing with the fact that Linford Christie is the fastest man in Britain. But the pre-minence of sport as a medium for black excellence is in itself a racist issue, and on both sides of the Atlantic. Some have talked about genetic advantage: notoriously, in the United States, through a man named Jimmy "The Greek" Sny-

der, who said that black athletic excellence was the result of selective breeding by white slave-

missed out on. Professional sport has a high wastage rate: "like turtles and the sea", as Steve Coppell, the Crystal Palace manager, once put it. Because of that, many children are steered away from an uncertain career in sport. But for many blacks, sport is the lone avenue of opportunity. There is an argument for saying that black sporting pre-

eminence is evidence of a racist

society.

This is a real argument, but one that can be overstated. Sport has provided us with huge numbers of fascinating, high-achieving black people.
One might have reservations

about the phenomenon, but sport has almost by definition, led the way in integration. In many sports, British teams are full of blacks, and some are led by blacks. porting heroes become "honorary vhites". But the increasing numbers of abrasive, and unrepentantly opinionated black athletes provides a useful antidote Black stars are not all cuddly Brunes: Claristic can be a difficult man, so can Hanley, and Chris Eubank, world super middle-weight champion. All remain dominant, compelling people.

This is a subject rife with

ambiguities: and perhaps the most ambiguous figure of all is Mu-hammad Ali. When he fought Sonny Liston, the audience begged Liston to "kill the nigger". All refused to be drafted into the owners. In fact, selective breeding was one of the few abuses sigvers them Vietcong"), went to jail, and much of America believed it served him right. But now he is one of the

best-loved men in America: and the most pitiable, his once-danger-ous insurrectionary brain in ruins. Britain does not have America's long history of indigenous racism: but there is no denying that racism is a fact of life. Sport is a measure of how far there is to go and how

Cool, caring and chunky

How two ageing hippies have become the kings of the ice-cream parlour

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ake Route 100 north through the frozen mountains of Vermont and you encounter an apparition. On top of a snow-covered hill stands an ice-cream factory. It is all pastel colours. Icides hang from the eaves. A huge picture of the planet Earth adorns the front gable. Two huge milk vats to the side are painted to resemble the black and white flank of a Holstein cow. To drive a car-full of children past such a place without stopping is just not possible.

This is Ben and Jerry's, makers of Chunky Monkey, Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough and three dozen other flavours of what Time magazine once called "the best ice-cream in the world". It is also proof that yesterday's hippies can become today's chief executives, yet hang on to their virtue.

During the flower-power era. Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield were long-haired college drop-outs. juana smoke finally deared in the mid-1970s one was a pottery teacher, the other a lowly assistant in a

Crunch' laboratory. They lacked the money to set up a basel shop, so they took a \$5 correspondence course on ice-

cream making instead. Whatever else they learned in their communes, Messrs Cohen and Greenfield acquired marketing techniques worthy of Harvard Business School. They decided ice-cream junkies wanted chunks, not chips, and all-natural ingredients. In 1978 they turned a disused petrol station into an ice-cream shop in Burlington, Vermont, and sponsored movie festivals at which they gave away free cones.

Ben and Jerry's grew so fast that in 1984 the Pillsbury Corporation. maker of Haagen-Dazs ice-cream. tried to force an exclusivity agreement on its north-east retailers. Ben and Jerry's mounted a "What's the Doughboy Afraid Off" campaign and won oodles of publicity.

By 1986 the company was going national with a crosscountry promotional tour in a converted-camper-van from which they dished out free ice-cream. On

the way back the "cowmobile" caught fire and became the world's largest baked Alaska. After the stock-market crash of October 1987 they drove to Wall Street and served free scoops of "Economic Crunch". The following year they won the National Small Businessmen of the Year award.

Ben and Jerry's sales have soared to \$95 million (ES2 million) in 13 years. The company produces seven million gallons of icecream a year, and is now America's second-largest ice-cream maker. Nevertheless, it

remains an extended commune. Ben and Jerry's limits top salaries to seven times the lowest. It sponsors rock and roll concerts urging political activism. It gives 7.5 per cent of its pre-tax profits to grassroots organisations seeking to create social change for the benefit of children and families, disadvantaged citi-

zens, the environment and world peace". It buys its cookies from a Zen Buddhist bakery in New York that trains the homeless and its cream from Vermont's en-dangered family farms. It will have nothing to do with

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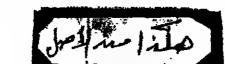
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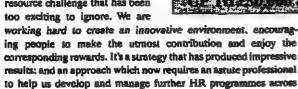
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Excellent presentational and language skills are a pre-requisite for both appointments, as is a sensitivity to the European business culture. An excellent salary and performance related income package, car and usual benefits reflect the significance of each strategic appointment. To apply for these outstanding opportunities please contact JEFF MILLINGTON quoting the appropriate reference number on 061-980-1389 (office) or 0925-263420 (evening/weekends), alternatively send career details to BTA Cable Comms Recruitment, Hollins House, Hale Road, Hale Barns, Abrincham, Cheshire WA15 8SN.



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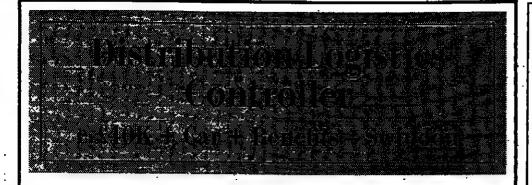
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Please send a detailed CV including details of current salary to, Jon Goodchild, Distribution Personnel Manager, Woolworths plc, Faraday Road, Dorcan Industrial Estate, Swindon, Wiltshire SN3 5HD.

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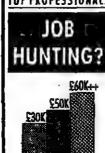
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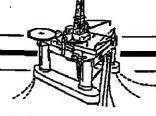
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One of the safest professions is suffering from redundancies in the present recession. Benedict Milne looks at the causes

new three-lettered abbreviation is being used in leading accountancy firms. The letters are ETL standing for "Encouraged To Leave." ETLs are usually qualified employees who would once have left the austere atmosphere of the private practice for industry. Now industry is making do with the accountants it already has, and there is a build-up of qualified accountants in the big five firms.

Not all firms, however, leave it at encouragement. Some partners have started wide-scale redundancies to remove the backlog. Every one of the big five accountancy firms has had to make cuts. Some have publicly announced a redundancy programme, others prefer piecemeal redundancies, one at a time, to keep out of the headlines and to ensure that the news does not travel far inside the firm.

The profession's woes stem from wider industry retrenchment. Accountants have expanded their services to British companies as part of the financial services revolution, but many of these services

are no longer needed.
For example, few industrial companies are contemplating expansion, so there is little need for accountants specialising in areas such as takeovers, share issues and mergers. A senior partner says: "Our clients are not doing it, so we cannot provide the service."

The unwelcome result is that

accountants in industry are being driven back into private practice. "There has been a negative leaving rate," says Dick Shervington, a partner at Price Waterhouse. "We have had people who left the firm wanting to come back."

Tax and audit work is less badly hit than most areas, but accountancy firms are filling vacancies by redistributing staff rather than by recruiting. Although Mr Sherv-ington expects to see a growth in tax practice during the next year, his firm intends to take on only about 50 experienced tax consultants this year, less than half the number recruited last year. The one area of growth is insolvency and corporate reconstruction. However, even if this continued growing fast, the work it would create for insolvency

specialists is not nearly enough to

cover the loss of transaction busi-

ness through the increase in company failures. In past recessions, accountancy firms reacted by recruiting fewer trainees, but then they lacked qualified talent a few years later when the climate improved. In the present recession, for the first time, firms have cut qualified staff

heavily, including senior people

and even partners. As a result, Sanders & Sidney, the outplacement consultancy, has dealt with accountancy redundancies, virtually for the first time. Derek Edwards, the managing director, says that until two years ago accountants would never have come near his firm but now they are queuing up. "There is a level of

management that is particularly vulnerable, just below board level, where jobs can be delegated up or down." Mr Edwards says. In the past year, Sanders & Sidney has dealt with so many redundant

accountants at this level that it has:

set up a mutual assistance group.

Redundant accountants are still finding work relatively quickly. usually within three months, Mr Edwards says. However, whereas a year ago they could have found better paid jobs than the ones they left, the difference in pay between the new and old jobs now is usually minimal.
Optimistic recruiting in the late

1980s is partly to blame for the present weeding-out of staff, Mr Shervington says. "With hind-sight," he says, "we probably recruited rather more people in the late 1980s and even in 1990. the late 1980s and even in 1990, than we actually needed in 1991. What we are seeing now is an adjustment."

ecruitment. grew be-tween 25 and 30 per cent a year in the late when it stopped altogether. Sala-ries on entry have also skidded to a halt. In the large firms, graduate

about £12,500, which was last vear's starting rate. Recession may also be the ex-cuse for some timely weeding-out,

says John Seear, the head of career recruitment and counselling at the Institute of Chartered Accountants. "Accountants in industry have always lived with the fact of redundancy, but those in public practice have been more cloistered," he says. He claims accountancy firms have become more competitive in the past ten years and are now far more rigorous in appraising and rewarding staff. Ian du Pre, of Coopers & Lybrand bly bomb-proof through other recessions," he says, "but we were less commercial and trading on a more gentlemanly lifestyle. Life is

not like that any more."

The new caution is likely to persist until next year, even if the economy improves dramatically. Recession has prompted the big five to automate as fast as possible and the view is widespread that efficiency will be best maintained by paying fewer people a larger salary to do more.

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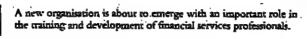
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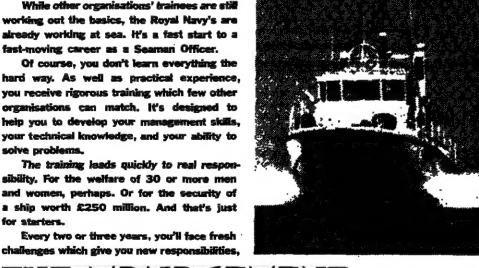
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The hope was that after a the council to be able to evict an McDowall v Hirschfield Westminster City Council v cede that if, during the course of occupier at short notice. Lipson & Rumacy and Clarke without prejudice negotiations, one party had served a statutory Part IV of the 1985 Act, entitled Another Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Templeman, Lord Griffiths, period of rehabilitation and supervision in the hostel each "Secure tenancies and rights of secure tenants," began with sec-tion 79 and ended with section 117. The landlord condition pre-Before Judge Eric Stockdale The plaintiff had submitted or other written notice of severance on the other, evidence of Lord Ackner and Lord Lowry [Judgment February 6] occupier would be able to move on that the court could not look at the From the council's point of that notice would have been admissible. The giver of the notice to permanent accommodation "Without prejudice" corres-pondence between solicitors was [Speeches February 6] correspondence as it had been view, the grant of exclusive pos-session would have been inconsis-The defendant, occupying one of 31 single rooms in a men's hostel without prejudice. scribed by section 80 was sat-isfied. The tenant condition In the court's view, the corres-pondence had to be allowed to go in. It was true that the House of could not have been heard to deny and look after himself. tent with the purposes for which they had provided the accom-modation at Cambridge Street. admissible in evidence where the existence of the notice given. prescribed by section 31 was: ...
that the tenant ... occupies the
dwelling-house as his only or
principal home..." severance. Mr Clarke had been provided under a licence to occupy, was a licensee and not a secure tenant with accommodation at the hostel pursuant to an agreement entitled "licence to occupy" dated Febresult of that correspondence was sought to be established as an There would seem to be no Lords had made it clear that privilege extended far and wide, but it was important to remember distinction between a written no-tice in the middle of without It had been in the interests of entitled to the protection of Part IV of the Housing Act 1985. independent fact. Judge Eric Stockdale so stated тишу 5, 1987. Mr Clarke occupied room E as The House of Lords allowed an

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appeal by Westminster City Council from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Ralph. Gibson) (The Times March 25, 1991) who had allowed an appeal by the defendant, Mr John Joseph Clarke, from Mr Recorder St John Langan, QC, at West-minster County Court, who had made an order for possession in the council's favour.

Section 79 of the 1985 Act Section 79 of the 1985 Act provides: "(1) A tenancy under which a dwelling-house is let as a separate dwelling is a secure tenancy at any time when the conditions described in sections 80 and 81 as the landlord condition and the tenant condition are satisfied...

"(3) The provisions of this Part of this Act apply in relation to a licence to occupy a dwelling-house ... as they apply in relation to a

Mr Andrew Collins, QC and Mr Jonathan Ferris for the council; Mr Stephen Sedley, QC and Mr Stephen Cottle for Mr Clarke.

LORD TEMPLEMAN said that Part III of the 1985 Act, sections 58 to 78, required a local housing authority to provide accommodation to certain per-

sons who were homeless and in Mr Clarke had satisfied the council that he was homeless and that he had a priority need as a vulnerable person under section 59(1). The council had accepted towards him the duty imposed on them by section 65(2) to "secure that accommodation becomes

available for his occupation". The council owned a terrace of houses, 131-137 Cambridge Street, Westminster, used by them as a hostel. There were 31 single rooms each with a bed and limited cooking facilities. There had originally been a common room which had since been

The occupiers of the hostel were homeless single men, including men with personality disorders or physical disabilities, sometimes eccentric, sometimes frail, sometimes evicted from domestic accommodation or discharged from hospital or prison.

Experience had shown the possibility that the hostel might have to cope with an occupier who was suicidal or alcoholic or addicted to drugs.

It included the following terms: "I This licence does not give you and is not intended to give you any of the rights or to impose upon you any of the obligations of

a tenant nor does it give you the right of exclusive occupation of any particular accommodation or room which may be allotted to you ... nor does it create the relation-ship of landlord and tenant. The accommodation allotted to you may be changed from time to without notice as the council directs and you may be required to share such accommodation with any other person as required

"2 The licence permits you only and not any person invited by you to occupy accommodation in common with the council whose representative may enter the accommodation at any time. . .

"3 The council may terminate the licence at any time by giving you not less than seven days' notice in writing ... except that ... if you break the terms of the licence or the conditions of occupation . . . the licence may be terminated forthwith. . .

"Conditions of occupation:... "(1) Not to invite any person to the accommodation with

you nor allow any person to stay "(5) To be in your accommoda-

tion by not later than 11pm and ire that visitors leave by not later than this time. . .

"(6) To do nothing which may cause nuisance, annoyance or discomfort to other residents: . . "(10) To comply with the direc-tions of the . . . warden or other

staff in charge of the hostel." Mr Clarke had been allocated room E on the first floor of No 131. On April 13, 1988, the council had given him notice terminating his licence. The nonce had been issued because of complaints that he had caused

nuisance and annoyance and On November 13, 1988, the council had issued the summons for possession. Mr Clarke, by his defence, had claimed to be a secure tenant entitled to the protection of Part IV of the 1985

Subsequently, he had smashed up room E and thrown the council's furniture and his clothes into the street. He had been taken away by the police and sub-sequently returned. The incident was an illustration of the need for

his only home. If room E was a separate dwelling house occupied under a tenancy or licence by him as his only home, then he was a

secure tenant. Section 112 provided that a dwelling-house might be a house or part of a house. Under the Rent Acts, in order to create a letting of part of a house as a separate dwelling, there had to be an agreement by which the occupier had exclusive possession of essen-tial living-rooms of a separate

Essential living-rooms provided the necessary facilities for living, the necessary facilities for living, sleeping and cooking. Thus a bedsitting-room with cooking facilties might be a separate dwellinghouse even though bathroom and
lavatory facilities were elsewhere
and shared with other people.

Room E provided facilities for living, sleeping and cooking. It was occupied by Mr Clarke as his only home. Section 79(1) of the 1985 Act employed the language of the Rent Acts. Accordingly, Mr Clarke was a secure tenant of room E if he enjoyed exclusive

possession of it.

To determine whether he enjoyed exclusive possession, the rights conferred on him and the rights reserved to the council by the licence to occupy had to be considered and evaluated.

Mr Sedley had submitted that Mr Clarke was a secure tenant even if he had not been granted exclusive possession of room E. Section 79(3), he said, applied to any licence to occupy a dwelling-

That submission would confer security of tenure on a lodger and on a variety of licensees and was contrary to the language of section 79(3) which applied the provisions of Part IV of the Act to a licence "as they apply in relation

to a tenancy". In his Lordship's opinion, contrary to the view of Lord Justice Balcombe in Family Housing Association v Jones [1990] 1 WLR 779), section 79(3) had not altered the law see Street v Mountford [[1985] AC 809].

On the true construction of section 48 of the Housing Act 1980, whether those sections were considered rogether or separately, a licence could only crease a secure tenancy if it conferred exclusive possession of a dwelling-

So the question was whether the

Mr Clarke and each of the occupiers of the hostel that the council should have retained possession of each room.

If one room became uninhab-itable another room could be shared between two occupiers. If one room became unsuitable for one room became unsurable for an occupier he could be moved elsewhere. If the occupier of one room became a misance he could be compelled to move to another room where his actions might be less troublesome to his

If the occupier of a room had exclusive possession he could prevent the council from entering the room save for the purpose of protecting the council's interests and not for the purpose of supervising and controlling the conduct of the occupier in his

If he had exclusive possession he could not be obliged to comply with the terms of the conditions of occupation, for example, to comply with the directions of the warden or to exclude visitors, designed to help him and the other occupiers and to enable the hostel to be conducted in an efficient and harmonious

The only remedy of the council for breaches of the conditions of occupation would be the lengthy and uncertain procedure requ by the 1985 Act to be operated for the purpose of obtaining possession from a secure tenant.

In the circumstances, his Lordship considered that the council had legitimately and effectively retained for themselves possession of room E and that Mr Clarke was only a licensee with rights corresponding to those of a lodger.

It was accepted that the provisions of the licence to occupy had been inserted to enable the council to discharge its responsibilities to the vulnerable persons accommodated at the hostel and not for the purposes of enabling the council to avoid the creation of a secure tenancy.

It was a special case. The decision would not allow a land-lord, private or public, to free himself from the Rent Acis or from the restrictions of a secure tenancy merely by adopting or adapting the language of the licence to occupy.

Lord Bridge, Lord Griffiths, Lord Ackner and Lord Lowry Solicitors Mr G. M. Ives; Christian Fisher & Co.

in the Queen's Bench Division holding as a preliminary issue that a joint tenancy between the second defendant, Kathleen Smith, and her deceased husband

Smith, and her deceased husband had not been severed and that she was solely and beneficially entitled to the property.

The plaintiff and executrix of the deceased's estate, Jane McDowall, was claiming damages from the deceased's solicitors, Hirschfield Lipson & Durney, North Woohalch for Rumney, North Woolwich, for not severing the joint tenancy during his lifetime.

Mr Martyn Berkin for the plaintiff: Mr Paul Infield for the first defendant: Mr William Stewart-Smith for the second

HIS LORDSHIP said that the husband's soliciors had argued that they had effected a severance

In Rush & Tompkins Ltd v Greater London Council ([1989] AC 1280) Lord Griffiths had AC 1280) Lord Griffiths had stated: There is also authority for the proposition that the admission of an 'independent fact' in no way connected with the merits of the cause is admissible even if made in the course of negotiations for a settlement . . . I regard [that] as an exceptional case and it should not be allowed to whittle down the protection given to the parties to speak freely ... and, for the purpose of establishing a basis of com-promise, admitting certain facts.

It was difficult to see what admission anyone was seeking to rely on here. All that was being said was that during negotiations a legal event had taken place: a

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Before Lord Justice Farquharson, Mr Justice McCullough and Mr Justice Waite [Judgment January 31]

There was nothing in section 14(3) of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973 that prevented different courts on different occasions from making community service orders which in aggregate exceeded 240 hours, although it was generally undestrable to do

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held on January 31 when allowing an appeal by Joseph Martin Siha against a sentence imposed at Shrewsbury QC) on October 22, 1990, of 90 hours community service for an offence of handling stolen goods to run consecutively to an order imposed in April 1990 to perform

Mr Geoffrey Clough assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant.

JUSTICE McCULLOUGH, giving the judgment of the court, said that the court had been referred to R v Anderson ((1989) 11 CrApp R (S) 417) but took the view that the conclusion of that court would have been different

had the whole of section 14(3) of the 1973 Act been read. In their Lordships' judgment, there was nothing in that sub-section or elsewhere to prohibit

sions from making orders which in aggregate exceeded 240 hours. Plainly, however, a court considering imposing a consec-utive order should bear in mind the 240 hour maximum for any single occasion. It was obviously highly desirable that there should not be in existence at any one time

different courts on different occa-

a liability to perform any more than a further 240 hours. It might be that where almost all the hours had been worked under the first order a second order could be made which would carry the total of the two orders together over 240 hours. The court made no conclusion about

a case might be an exception to the general principle and was at any rate not unlawful. Not knowing, in the instant case, how many hours remained for the court to say that there should have been any exception to

the overall general principle. Accordingly the second order of 90 hours would be reduced to 60 with the first order of 240 hours.

equivalent, namely, a severand by course of dealing. Both situations required an investigation of an independent

fact. Accordingly, the correspondence could be looked at to see

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax (31874) 5.30 Breakfast News begins with Business Breakfast until 6.55 when Nicholas Witcheil and Laurie Mayer present news and lopical reports with regular business, sport, weather, regional news and ravel bulletins (88611941)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (4285348) 9.50 Hot Chefs. Antony Worrall Thompson prepares some more bistro food (5110226)

10.00 News, regional news and weather (6977139) 10.05 Playdays visits Bushbury in Wolverhampton (r) (1723961): 10.25 Plagu. Animated adventures of a clumsy penguin (r) (9970226) 10.35 No Kidding, Family quiz game show hosted by Mike Smith with Kate

11.00 News, regional news and weather (7119232) 11.05 Cashe News, regional news and weather (711925) in 12 cashing Gloria Hunniford answers viewers' questions on mortgages and goes in search of the perfect Valentine gift (7337771) 11.30 People Today presented by Minam Stoppard and Adrian Mills. The guests include actress and writer Tessa Dahl (3020868)

12.20 Pebble Mill. Alan Titchmarsh Introduces another programme of music and chat (3092232) 12.55 Regional News and weather

1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (70690) 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceetax) (s) (60211145) 1.50 Olympics '92 from Albertville, France. Helen Rollason introduces

tion in the combined slalom, the men's 10km and the women's Skim Nordic classic competitions, plus a new event — the mogula freestyle skiing (31906597). Wales: Snooker and Olympica '92 3.50 Melvin and Maureen's Music a Grama. A 13-part musical series presented by Sophie Aldred and Matthew Devite (6978077) 4.05 Jacksnory. Helena Bonham-Care with pertificing the Philippe Language. Jacksnory. Helena Bonham-Carter with part four of The Way to Saltin Shore, by Philippa Pearce (r) (6302668) 4.20 The Further Adventures of SuperTed. Cartoon (r) (9999752) 4.30 Kevin's Cousins. The final part of the comedy drama (a) (2458787) 4.55 Newsround (3011961) 5.05 Blue Peter. (Ceelax) (a) (5585348) 5.35 Neighboura (r) (Ceelax) (s) (864313). Northern Ireland: Inside

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax)

Weather (918)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (110). Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Top'of the Pops introduced by Steve Anderson and Claudia



Cause and effect: Dean and Tayiforth confront Boyde (7.30pm) 7.30 EastEnders. Willmot-Brown has to face up to the devestating

effect that his actions have had on the lives of Kathy and Pete. (Caafax) (s) (394)
8.00 Last of the Summer Wine. More classic comedy about the trio of

8.00 Last of the Summer Wine. More classic comedy about the tro of Yorkshire pensioners. This week Foggy decides to restore an old boat and use it as a water taxi, but Compo dreams of inviting Nora Batty on board (r). (Ceefex) (s) (9771)
8.30 The Brittas Empire. Last in the comedy series starring Chris Barrie as the over-zealous manager of a council's leisure centre. He decides to train his staff in the handling of amergencies while his wrife tries to live life without the help of tranquillisers. (Ceefex) (2007)

(s) (1706) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceetsx) Regional news and weather (2597) 9.30 Clive James — Postcard from Parls. Twenty-five years after first

discovering the delights of Paris, James returns to meet the type of people he yearned to meet a quarter of a century ago, including writers, models and actresses (r). (Ceefax) (270690)

10.20 Question Time presented by Peter Sissons from the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in London. The guests are trade unionist Barbara Switzer and MPs Edward Heath, Gerald Kaufman

and Jim Wallece (512868). Northern Ireland: Spotlight 10.50 11.20 Olympics "92. Action from the men's figure skating and ice hockey, presented by Helen Rolleson (391232). Northern Ireland 11.50-1.05 Olympics, '92 12.35em Weather (6741530), Ends at 12.40

2.00 The Way Ahead. John Murray explains April's new benefits for disabled people (r) (3977288). Ends at 2.15

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Measuring the Earth and the Moon (8435348). Ends at 7.10

8.00 Breakfast News (2572329) 8.15 Westminster (9424313) 9.00 Daytime on 2. Educational programmes

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 News and weather (10452042) followed by You and Me. Series for four and five-year-olds (f) (74177058)
 1.15 Advice Shop. Includes a report from Stoke on the work of the city's Citizen's Advice Bureair (7689597)
 0.00 News and weather (8848597) followed by Westminster Live (5012874) 3.50 News, regional news and weather (7623226)
 0.00 Catchword, Paul Cois with another round of the game for material parts (7623226)

wordsmiths (333) 4.30 Wildlife Gens. Film clips of colour-changing cuttlefish, but

impostors and Kermit the killer (r) (435) 5.00 Second Sight, Women first filmed in the 1960s look back at their lives since. In 1966 Clodagh was a Dublin fashion designer, married with three children. Now she has changed her job, country

and husband (r) (1329) 5.30 Food and Drink (r) (s) (767). Wales: See Hearl 6.00 Olympics Today, Desmond Lynam introduces action from day six

of the Games (30145)
7.30 First Sight: A Conflict of Loyalties? Antonia Higgs reports on the controversial British-besed Muslim, Dr Kallm Siddiqui (936). Wales; Redundant, East; Matter of Fact; Midlands: Midlands Report; North, North-east, North-west: Close Up North; South: Souther Eye: South-west: Western Approach; West: Current Account Redundant: A Little Decline and Fell.

CHOICE: Tonight's victims of the recession are George Cazenove and Guy Thomson, two young city brokers who came down with a bump after enjoying large selenies and the good life that they bought. The shock of being made redundant was not so much financial as psychological. Cazenove had insured against losing his job. Thomson recalls: "I had put something seide for a rainy day, and it rained." But both left the loss of identity and sense of selection As yet the parties. of rejection. As yet another job application proved abortive, Thomson filled his hours writing a novel. It was about a young city broker who suddenly gets the push. Despairing of getting back into the city, Cazanove started a second-hand clothes business. Thomson was finally taken on by a bank but accepts that the good times are over. They tell their stories with a frankness that compals recognition. (7313) Welse: How Green? sympathy. (7313), Wales: How Green? 8.30 Daylight Robbery. Repeat of a classic wildlife film about the

esourceful grey squirrel and its quest for elusive bird food (r). Ceefax) (9348) 9.00 A Bit of Fry and Laurie. Another selection of comedy sketches written by and starring Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie. (Ceefax) (s)



The new Spain: Seville's first armed policewoman (9.30pm)

9.30 Fire in the Blood: Breeking Free. CHOICE: Nowhere has a feminist revolution been longer overdue than in Spain. The latest film in lan Gibson's excellent series was made in Andalusia and skiffully weaves together. series was made in Andalusia and statuting weaves togethin attitudes old and new. Gibson visits traditional Spain where where fined faces tell of a lifetime of domestic drudgery and subservience. The 40 years of Franco fossilised a culture in which women were taught to be obedient to the church, their husbands and Franco himself. Not for nothing is Seville the home of Don Juan and the factory girl Carmen, whose fate was to be murdered by a jestious lover. Gibson also shows the new Spain, in which woman has a store at the court of the suffect to a are saying, rather loudly, that they have had enough. He talks to a battered wife who was able to rebuild her life and Seville's first armed policeworman. And he goes boldly into the women's issue which has stirred the greatest emotion and controversy, abortion. (Ceefux) (278232) 10.20 Talking to Myself. Body Shop supremo Anita Roddick is the

10.20 Talking to styleoff. Body Shop Supremo Anta Hocket is the latest participant in the DIY interviewing series. (Ceefsx) (79833)

10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Parman (394884)

11.15 The American Late Show. Includes a report on the changing image of the former junk bond king Michael Militen; and a look at the popularity of Rain megazine (177619) 11.55 Weather (189955)

12.00 Open University: Fontainableau — the Changing Image of Kingahip (596578). Ends at 12.35em

ITV

---6.00 TV-turn (9581329) 9.25 Keynotes. Music game for teams (1225771) 9.55 Thames News

news at 10.55 and regional new at 11.55 followed by national

10.00 The Time ... The Place ... A topical discussion chared by John Stapleton (3318067) 10.40 This Morning: Magazine series on family matters hosted by Judy Finnigan and Richard Medeley, Today's edition includes knitting ideas and practical health advice. With national and international

12.10 The Riddlers: Children's puppet series (2690597) 12.30 News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (6745955) 1.10

ma (53768058) 1.20 Home: and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Oracle) (97674787) 1.50 A Country Practice. Medical drama serial set in the Australian outback (52905481)

2.20 TV Weeldy. Anne Dismond looks behind the scenes of popular ITV and Channel 4 programmes (69417459) 2.50 Take the High Road. Soap set in the Highlands (406503)
3.15 ITN News headlines (8921874) 3.20 Thames News headlines (8928787) 3.25 The Young Doctors Medical chams serial set in

n Australian city hospital (6281226)
3.55 Toucan Tecs. Animated adventures (a) (7619023) 4.05 Runaway
Bay. Adventure serial set on the Caribbean island of Martinique (s) (8885435) 4.35 Dangermouse. Animeted adventures of a secret agent rodent. With the voices of Devid Jason and Terry Scott. (Oracle) (s) (2379226) 5.00 Cartoon featuring Porky Pig (r)

(7781232)
5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness (5579787)

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5.46 News with Flore Armstrong. (Oracle) (280484)

5.55 Thames Help: The work of community health councilions (334023)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (225)

6.30 Thames News. (Oracle) (706)

7.00 Emmerdale. Soap set in the Yorkshire Deles. (Oracle) (8619)

7.30 Fresh Fields. Last programme of the cosy sitcom starring Amon Rodgers and Julia McKenzie (r) (880)



Snout? Brough Gallagher with Andrew Mackintosh (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: Somebody Special. DS Greig (Andrew Mackintoen) tries to recruit a hardened thief as an informer. She is played by Bronagh Gallagher, who appeared in Alan Parker's film The Commitments. (Oracle) (1139)
8.30 This Weels: Montgage Fraud. As the building societies put the aqueeze on thousands of home owners, This Week reveals how the same societies hand out millions of pounds to mortgage crocks without doing basic financial checks. (Oracle) (8374)
8.00 Tappiart. The conclusion of a three-part story starring Mark.

8.00 Taggart. The conclusion of a three-part story starring Mark McManus as the dour Glasgow detective. (6771)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Julia Somerville. (Oracle) Weather (94619) 10.30 Themes News (855972)
10.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama serial set in an Australian women's

11.30 01. The arts and entertainment guide includes a review of Barton Fink, the new film from Joel and Ethen Cohen, and an interview

with its star John Turturro, (50394)

12.00 A Problem Aired. Viewers' emotional problems discussed by experts (67462)

12.30em Alfred Hitchcock Presents: in the Driver's Seet. A classical

former racing driver turns to murder (38462)

1.00 Fitto: The Gendiarme Work Stdrts (1967) starring Louis de Funés as the inascible gendarme in another of the series of comedies set in St Tropez. Directed by Jean Girault (86646)

3.00 The Truth About Women. Eve Pollerd chairs a discussion on divorce between Polly Toynbee, Polly Devlin and Simi Bedford (31878)

3.30 Murphy's Law. Lightheerted drame starring George Segal as an

RADIO 3

insurance investigator (r) (61795) 4.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (32337) 5.00 Videotachion (r) (26086) 5.30 ITM Morning News (68191), Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (9409771)

8:25 Schools (94613313)
12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Micholas Owen (84232) 12.30 Business Daily. The latest news from the world's money markets (30955)

(3050)
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series (28110)
2.00 Film: The Gang's All Here (1943). Engaging Busby Berkeley
musical starting Alice Faye as a showgirl who falls for a second
world war servicemen engaged to another woman. With Carmen
Miranda and Benny Goodman and his orchestra (597058)

3.55 Success. Animation from Hungary (8780936) 4.00 Time to Talk. Lesley Judo talks to Dublin-born Roman Catholic Dr.

Nary Hall who served as a nun in Pakistan and now works in this country with people of other faiths (619) 4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley with another round of the words

and numbers game (s) (503)

5.00 The Oprah Wintrey Show. Oprah plays Cilia as soap stars introduce single colleagues to potential partners (7710226)

5.55 Laurel and Hardy. Animation (332565)

 The Crystal Meze. Six young brave contestants enter the four adventure time zones, led by Richard O'Brien (r) (s) (11874)

 Charmel Four News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Telelext) Weather (488394) Comment (775416) 7.50 Commi

8.00 Free For All. CHOICE: The public access programme has settled in well as a rival to the BBC's Open Space, though it can suffer from trying to cram too much in. Each of tonight's two main items could have justified half an hour to itself. One is a plea by squatters in Oxfordshire for the licensing of unoccupied properties. They argue that it is better to allow equatting on a regulated basis than let buildings stand empty and become targets for vandals. The idea does not commend itself to Phyllis Starkey, Labour leader of Oxford city council: But the case is persuasively put in a film of style and imagination which also challenges the government's proposal to make squatting a criminal offence. The second film is by a refugee from the Tiananman Square massacre, who claims that he and other dissidents are being harassed by the Chinese

authorities in Britain (2481) 8.30 Vic Reeves Big Night Out. Comedy sketches teaturing Reeves and his partner Bob Mortimer (r) (s) (4416) ans. The third of a four-part series looking at the country which in population and economic strength is set to dominate the

1992 single European market. (Teletext) (s) (4313)



Sexual awakening: convent schoolgid Kym Wilson, left (10.00pm)

10.00 Brides of Christ. Episode four of the six-part drama set in a Sydney convent during the 1960s. Rebellious Rosemany's budding sexuality is aroused after Sister Agnes clarifies the facts of life in a graphic fecture. Starring Kym Wilson and Brends Fricker.

(Teletext) (s) (1072058)

i Just For Laughs. More from the Montreel International Comedy
Festival introduced by Clive Anderson. Among those taking part
are the Edinburgh Festival's Pernier award-winners Sean Hughes and Frank Skinner (s) (324400)

11.35 Russiah New Music. The third of a ten-part series exploring musical developments in the former Soviet Union underground

12.05am Late Night Love: Affair of the Heart. A programme exploring the rich symbolism of the human heart (r). (Telefext) (9328882) 1.05 The Street. American police drama series (7836269). Ends at 1.30

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 Freworks) 7.30 News
 7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
 Humperdinck (Overture,
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 (Planc Concerto No 2 in F
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(Pisno Concerto No 2 in Franco); Vaugher Williams (Str. Studies in English Folkeong); Souza (Merch, King Cotton).
8.30 News Strong Cotton).
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Janačák On an Overgrown
Path — excerpts (Jet Roling,
pisno); In the Mist (Josef
Palencek, plano); Violin
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Orchestra under Talquo Yuzsa; Scottish Philhermonic Singers perform Liszt (A Faust Symphony) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Birmingham Lunchtime
Concert: Live from Studio
One, Petale Mil. Deime String
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John Underwood, viole, John Williams, cello — performe Heydri (Quertet in C, Op 20 No 2; Verdi (Quertet in E minor) 2.90 The Creation: Britten Singers; BBC Philharmonic under

Alfred Walter perform Haydn's oratono. With Teresa Seldi, soprano, Guido Pikel, terior, soprano, vrim i arasa Seidi, soprano, Guido Pikal, tenor, Michael George, bass 3.50 Academia Wind Quintet of Pregue — vir Marsaleit, flute, Otto Tinka, abge, Petr Donek, clarinat, Frantisek Pok, floiri, Josef Jenda, bassoon — performs Danzi (Wind Quintet in B flat, Op 56 No 1). Mozart (Divertimento in B flat, K 270); local (Trois pièces belives); Kvech (Quintetlada — revised 1984) (r)

4.40 Sea Pictures: The plants!
Peter Lawson plays Solvard
MacDoval (To the Sea; Song,
in Mid Ocean — Sea Pisces for
plano, Op 55); Raval (Une,
barque ser l'océan, Minorire for
plano, No 3); Enid Luff (Storm
licle — first broadcast)

5.16 The Missacre of Glenoch

— CHOICE: Fifteen minutes of
highland begpipes will not fail
happily on all ears, but there
are less evocative ways of
commemorating the 300th
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the MacDonalda. The
piobaireachd is the classical
music of the bappipes, and
Andrew Wright is a leading
interpreter of it. This
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choice of a modern MecDonald, Hugh, as producer Malnly for Pleasure, with Malcolm Singer

5.30 Mainly for Pleasure, with Malcolm Singer 7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear: The composer Michael Nyman take to Natalie Wheen 7.30 Mailé Orchestra: Live from the Free Trade Hal, Manchester, Stanislew Strowaczewski conducts Besthoven (Plano Concerto No 3 in C minor; Pietr Anderszewski). 8.10 Interview with Michael Stone (f). 6.30 Bruckner (Symphony No 2 in C minor). 9.40 Music in Our Time: Birmingtam International. Birmingtam International. Birmingtam International. Birmingtam Contemporary Music Group under Elgar Howerth performs Destev Müller-Siemens (Under Neonlight I); Bent Soregsen (Minnewater); Roger March (Kagura); Ligeti (Chamber Concerto). 11.00 Cool and Crazy: The isocand of four programmes in which the American trumpeter and composer Storty Rogers talks to Alyn Shipton.

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Today 8.25 Prayer for the Day
8.30 Today, Inci 6.30, 7.00,
7.30 8.00, 8.30 News 8.55,
7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sport
8.40 Yesterday in Parliament
8.55 Weather
3.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts (r)
9.30 Two People: Colin Semper
talks to two people who
arrived at different decisions
when confronted by the same
moral difensms. During the
Falkdands war, salions Wade
Tidbury and Adrian Cumper
had to decide whether to stay
in the Navy (r)
10.00-10.30amt No Complete Break.
Concluding the sty-part series
by Simon Brett (s)
10.00 News; An Act of Wornhip
(LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): The
Book of Job (first part) (s)

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1.60 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Grace and Favour. In
Richard Everett's play a
women's faith is put to the
test. With Brands Bruce (s)
3.00 Down Year Way (FM only):
Baroness Sees visits Toxieth.
Liverpool 8 (r)
3.40-4.00 Poetry Pleaset (FM
only) (s)
3.00 News; Prime Minister's
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4.00 News;
Prime Minister's
4.05 Kaleidoscope attends the
first night of poet Derek
Welcott's play, Viva Detroit;
Kooks at Grassa Theatre's
production of Flound; and
John Bellany take about his
felvourite literature (s)
4.46 Short Story: Therese's Father,
by Catherine Linstrum. Read
by Elliott Nicholss

adventure, but the heroi-comic is never too far away (s)
7.20 Woman's Hour (LW only) (r)
6.00 Analysis: Dukes of Hazard?
The second of two programmes on economic ups and downs. David Walker asks whether the long wait for even a modest upswing in the economy will inspire confidence in future global growth and the resulting creation of wealth
6.45 My Four Green Fields: Ulster — Annaghmakerig. Joseph Hone visits the family home of Sir Tyrone Guthrie, now an

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5.56 Weather
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6.90 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Blackburn Fleet: A Case of Frinks and Moores, Private detective Stephen J.
Blackburn Investigates the first of four cases (s) (r)
7.90 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20-8.00 Soundbrack (FM only):
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9.09 Does He Take Sugar?
9.20 Keleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight
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10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The
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read by Shusha Guppy (4 of 10) (s)
11.00 Whip Hand: Second of a five-part dramatisation of Dick Francis's novel (s) (f)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27
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